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Jewish National Fund forester Aviram Zak inspects part of the Katyusha that sparked a northern forest fire yesterday. (Joe Malcolin)

'Beirut must enforce any security deal'

ISRAEL would like the Lebanese army to deploy in villages north of the security zone to enforce any US-brokered deal, senior political sources indicated yesterday. They said a solution must include assurances Hizbullah will not use civilian areas for operational purposes. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said it would be wrong to view Operation Grapes of Wrath as aiming to eliminate Hizbullah as a force in southern Lebanon. 'We don't want to raise expectations. It's impossible to achieve a solution to all of the problems with this operation,' he said, adding that he preferred any new understandings to be written, not oral as in the past. Despite growing negative public opinion in the Arab world (see story, Page 2), Israeli political sources believe it will be a mistake to end the operation until a US-brokered deal - written or verbal - is reached. They fear that for tactical reasons, Hizbullah might decide to halt its Katyusha attacks, only to resume them after Israel stops its response, which will then be much harder to resume. If Lebanon does not deploy its forces southward, Israel will view itself as having freedom to enforce the deal, the sources said. DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies After 1993's Operation Accountability, the Lebanese army was poised to deploy southward, only to have the move vetoed by Syria. Sources said Israel would not like the Syrian army to deploy in southern Lebanon. At yesterday's Arab League meeting in Cairo, Lebanese Foreign Minister Farez Bouez said his country cannot accept the US plan as it currently stands. While visiting Tokyo, President Bill Clinton pledged that the US would make every effort to reestablish a 'workable agreement.' 'I think that clearly... Hizbullah's violating the agreement that had previously been brokered in raising the Katyushas into northern Israel was obviously what provoked this,' he said. Secretary of State Warren Christopher phoned Foreign Ministers Amr Moussa of Egypt, Prince Saud al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia, and Farouk Shara of Syria in a bid to end the fighting. Meanwhile, Gen. Abdelak Kadir, the head of Morocco's national security apparatus, arrived here secretly on Tuesday with a message from King Hassan II urging an end to the violence in Lebanon. French Foreign Minister Hevre de Charette held talks with Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and pressed for a French plan. The exact elements of the plan remain unclear, but Israeli officials insist it is 'essentially the same as the 1993 understandings.' A spokesman for de Charette called the meeting with Barak 'useful but difficult.' Officials said he told Barak that Syria and Lebanon have accepted the plan, and Iran also indicated that it was acceptable. De Charette told reporters in Beirut that his proposals were for a 'written text... giving more force and precision' to the 1993 deal. Israel, however, has made clear privately that it wants the US to serve as the mediator. 'The French would do well to coordinate with the US and adopt Washington's position,' a senior official said last night. De Charette, who left for Cairo yesterday, is to meet Peres today. Meanwhile, Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli, whose country holds the rotating chairmanship of the European Union, phoned Barak and said that the plan for a Sharm el-Sheikh follow-up conference in Luxembourg on Monday is still on. On Sunday, Barak and Christopher are to meet in Luxembourg. The US and Israel do not expect any movement on diplomatic (Continued on Page 2)

Labor leaders: Armed settlers attacking party activists

ARMED groups of settlers are patrolling the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway at night, tearing down Labor posters and physically attacking and threatening party activists, party leaders said yesterday. The issue was raised at a meeting between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the party's election campaign heads, following an attack on Yoav Doga, aide to Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, and threats on Ben-Eliezer's life. Labor leaders warned against the escalating violence in the campaign, blasting Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu and his colleagues for silently supporting the inciters by not calling them to order. They noted that in addition to the attacks on Labor activists, threats have been made on Peres's life and slogans, such as 'Peres is a murderer,' sprayed on walls, alongside swastikas. Doga was assaulted by a group of men at the Beit Nekofa interchange, after he stopped and got out of his car at 3 a.m. yesterday. 'I saw some 20 bearded men with kippot, all of them carrying guns,

Congressman: No US aid unless PLO cancels charter

NEW YORK congressman Eliot Engel threatened Tuesday to hold up US assistance to the Palestinians unless the PLO abrogates its charter calling for Israel's destruction. Also Tuesday, the House passed a bill removing American tariffs from goods produced in the autonomous zones, which was first endorsed last year by President Bill Clinton. The Senate has not yet taken up the measure. The renewed Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, recently passed, already outlaws US assistance to the Palestinians if the PA does not convene the Palestinian National Council to amend the covenant by May 7. The administration is providing \$500 million to the Palestinians over five years as part of an international aid program. Related stories, Page 2

Two wounded in Katyusha attacks

TWO people were lightly wounded and at least three others had to be treated for shock as a result of Katyusha attacks on various parts of the Galilee yesterday. The attacks began shortly after 3 a.m. with a salvo hitting the Upper Galilee, but causing no damage. The next barrage in the same area lightly wounded Yitzhak Ben-Hamo, 40, and damaged a building in Kiryat Shmona. Shortly afterwards, rockets fired at Western Galilee hit a factory, causing extensive damage. One employee was lightly hurt. The attacks continued sporadically throughout the day, hitting mainly open land. In the afternoon, however, a number of rockets fell in Central Galilee and three people, one of them a pregnant woman, were treated for shock. The attacks did not deter a ver-

Danish queen cancels visit

LIAT COLLINS COPENHAGEN THE visit to Israel next month by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark has been postponed, apparently because of the situation in Lebanon, Danish sources said last night. A scheduled interview yesterday with Israeli journalists at her palace outside Copenhagen was canceled without explanation just before it was to take place. The journalists had been invited by the Danish Foreign Ministry to preview the visit. Danish sources said the Foreign Ministry ordered the cancellation since the visit 'would not receive the appropriate attention.' A trip to Jordan before Israel was also canceled, the sources said.

Security guard wounded during attack in Tekoa

HERB KEINON A SECURITY guard watching over a tractor working on a new security road in Tekoa was shot in the groin yesterday when his Uzi discharged after he was rushed by Palestinians. He was taken to Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, where his wounds were classified as moderate, and his condition was termed stable. Boaz Goldenberg, spokesman for the Judea and Samaria police district, said the incident occurred when 'dozens' of Palestinians from the nearby village of Taqua tried to disturb the road work. He said the guard shot in the air to disperse the crowd, but was then rushed by someone who tried to grab his weapon. In the ensuing struggle, the gun went off. The IDF clamped a curfew on the area. Bobby Brown, the head of Tekoa, said the road is part of an IDF program to provide better security for settlements. He said this is the first time there has been an incident over the security road, and described the relations between the settlement and Taqua, which has a Palestinian Police presence, as 'peaceful.' According to Brown, 50 to 100 Palestinians were involved, and threw stones at the guard and the tractor-driver.

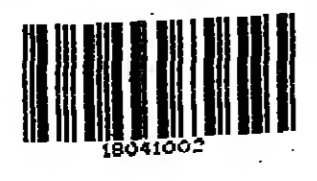
Women soldiers have role in operation

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN OUT on a lonely, miniature air strip in northern Israel, Cpl. Aya keeps her eyes peeled in search of Hizbullah terrorists trying to launch Katyusha rockets at the Galilee. She is one of the few women soldiers who has a hands-on task in the war against Hizbullah terrorists. 'I don't feel like this is a combat position because I am not out in the field, but there is no doubt that this is an operative task,' Aya says. Aya operates the sophisticated camera on pilotless drones flying over south Lebanon, and as far away as Beirut. She is responsible for directing the camera and picking up targets to be relayed back to the air force or artillery. For Aya and the rest of the girls on this base, it has been six hours on, six hours off since Operation Grapes of Wrath began. 'This is certainly a vital job,' the 19-year-old, curly-haired soldier from Ramat Gan says with gusto. 'You need training and expertise. We are seeing the results on the ground.' 'I know of villages in south Lebanon which I photographed and that very evening saw on the news had been bombed,' she says. 'We see the specific target and how they are hit and there is no doubt that this is complete success,' the corporal says. 'It's great pride because we feel we are doing something. Here are the results. That's what we are here for.' The drones, made by the Israel Aircraft Industries, are aloft for about six hours a sortie. They are about the size of an overgrown model plane and are piloted by remote control. For now, they are piloted by male soldiers while the women operate the cameras. The control center was off-limits to reporters, but Aya and the other female soldiers view a television screen transmitting live from the drone. They are able to zoom in to very precise targets. Aya says most of the girls feel equal to their male counterparts. 'We are only a few girls here and this is the only task that girls do. It is a real privilege,' she says.

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Natan Sharansky displays his party's slogan at a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday. (Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

# Yisrael Ba'aliya Party slogan: Security for Israel, respect for immigration

MICHAL YUDELMAN

YISRAEL Ba'aliya, the party headed by Natan Sharansky, yesterday held a press conference to present its campaign slogan: Security for Israel, Respect for Immigration.

Sharansky said the party will not focus only on immigration issues, but has a clear policy on matters of security, religion and state, society, and economics.

Security, both personal and national, and respect, are the most important issues to new and veteran immigrants, according to public opinion polls, Sharansky said.

All the issues concerning immigration have a direct bearing on respect, Sharansky explained. "People with education and potential who can't find a job in their profession; people who cannot obtain housing and are worried about their pension and welfare; the stig-

mas dividing us from the society we want to be part of, all this is a matter of respect. Respect is being an inseparable part of society, to contribute to it. There is also national self-respect, which is security," he said.

Sharansky said the establishment ignores the needs of new immigrants, and its attitude is obtuse, paternalistic, and patronizing. The political establishment, including both Labor and the Likud, serves certain interest groups which won't let things change and won't allow any reforms to improve the conditions of new immigrants.

Voting for the Likud will not help new immigrants, Sharansky stated. "We have no hope the Likud will change

the situation. [Former leader] MK Rafael Eitan told us that the solution to our employment problems is driving out foreign workers and letting new immigrants take their jobs. This makes it clear that, like Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir, he is earmarking the lowliest, most inferior jobs for immigrants. As for MK Ariel Sharon and other Likud leaders, they want to force us to inhabit empty apartments in the territories and distant development towns," Sharansky said.

Yisrael Ba'aliya's platform focuses on human rights and civil liberties, promising to fight for secular burial, civil marriage, and public transport on Shabbat and holidays. The party will also fight against removing the bureaucratic obstacles facing anyone who wants to convert to Judaism.

# Ousted Wakf official detained in Jericho

BILL HUTMAN

A FORMER senior Jerusalem Wakf official, ousted from his post by the Palestinian Authority, was detained over the weekend in Jericho for publicly complaining about the PA's action, according to Israeli and Palestinian sources.

Sheikh Yakub Ansari, 80, was forced to go to Jericho by agents of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service, who came to his home in Ras el-Amud last week.

Ansari at first refused, but after repeated threats agreed to go to Jericho, where he was interrogated and warned personally by service chief Jibril Rajoub to halt his public complaints, which included an open letter in the Palestinian press to Jordan's King Hussein.

Rajoub also threatened to hold Ansari in a Jericho jail for five days, saying this would "teach him a lesson" about complaining about the PA and appealing to Jordan, which still formally controls the Jerusalem Wakf despite recent PA inroads, the sources said.

But Ansari was released after being held for only a day, after his family used its connections in both Palestinian and Israeli circles to apply pressure.

A senior Jerusalem police source said police look gravely upon Rajoub's agents operating in Jerusalem, despite knowing this is forbidden, and an investigation has been opened. "This is part of our ongoing war against Palestinian Police activity in Jerusalem," the source said.

"The head of the Ansari family, at least since the end of the Ottoman rule, has held the position of Rais al-Sadana, or President of the Servants, at Al-Aksa," according to Prof. Yitzhak Rietzer, of the Hebrew University.

"The position is one of great prestige," although the duties are minimal, mainly involving maintenance and cleaning at Al Aksa, Rietzer said, noting the position is much sought after.

Ansari was replaced by Khalil Alameh, considered closer to the Palestinian leadership. He is a relative of former Jerusalem Mufti Sheikh Sayid Alameh.

# Peres hears Labor's campaign jingle

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S campaign heads, Ministers Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Haim Ramon and Ehud Barak, and secretary-general Nissim Zivli met with Prime Minister Shimon Peres last night to discuss the party's election campaign and present the jingle which will accompany the campaign broadcasts, due to begin next month.

Most campaign managers were of the opinion that Labor must not attack Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu on a personal ba-

sis, at least until the military operation in Lebanon is over.

Zivli dismissed reports of a conflict between campaign information chairman Ramon and Barak, the head of Peres's personal campaign, concerning the personal campaign against Netanyahu, saying the two had "legitimate arguments."

It was decided to let Peres determine the issue at the end of the week, after the results of the pub-

lic opinion surveys following the first part of Operation Grapes of Wrath are released.

Peres was asked to learn the jingle's words so that he could sing it together with the five young singers performing it at a youth gathering in Shefayim scheduled today.

The prime minister will be filmed singing the jingle by a Labor television crew at the gathering, and the clip will be included in the party's opening campaign broadcasts.

# Palestinian Prisoners Day rally in capital banned

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE yesterday prevented a Palestinian Prisoners Day rally in eastern Jerusalem, on grounds it was sponsored by the Palestinian Authority, which is forbidden to operate in the capital.

Organizers from the Jerusalem Palestinian Prisoners Club, however, said the Hakawati Theater event was independent of the PA, and vowed to try to hold the rally today.

"The police came and told us the PA is behind the rally. This is a total lie," said club director Ramadan Awad. He said the only PA official invited was Religious Minister Hassan Tahboub, who is a Jerusalem resident and has an office in the city.

"I have the right to go where I want in Jerusalem," Tahboub told reporters at an impromptu press conference outside the theater. Dozens of police and Border Police forced the participants to disperse, without incident.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Hoof-and-mouth disease warning for Negev**  
Agriculture Ministry Veterinary Services director Prof. Arnon Shimshoni yesterday issued a hoof-and-mouth disease warning for the Negev. As a result, livestock is not allowed to be moved from place to place there without written permission from the Veterinary Services, and owners of flocks which have not been inoculated against the disease are asked to inform the ministry. Jerusalem Post Staff

**Despite 800 meter run, boy survives viper bite**  
Rotem Bokra, 10, of Azrikim, near Ashdod, survived a viper bite yesterday, despite doing exactly what you're not supposed to do when bitten by a poisonous snake.

He was bitten on the foot while on his way to the storeroom where his father, Amos, was working. Rather than lying down, as is recommended, he ran 800 meters to the storeroom, then collapsed, as the activity caused the venom to spread rapidly through his bloodstream.

His father called Magen David Adom, which rushed him to the emergency room at Kaplan Hospital, where doctors saved his life. Iain

**PA Police apologizes for beating photographer**  
The Palestinian Police apologized yesterday for severely beating an Associated Press photographer who had taken pictures of police brutality against Palestinian protesters. "We are sorry. I promise this would not happen again," said police spokesman Muhammad Shaker.

Two Palestinian policemen attacked Khaled Zighari on Sunday after he photographed police roughing up Palestinian protesters in Ramallah. They confiscated Zighari's film. Col. Saeb Nassar, director of the governor's office in Ramallah, promised to "cut off the hand that hurt Zighari" and that Palestinian reporters would have free access throughout the self-rule areas. AP

# Peres, Netanyahu woo haredi voters

HERB KEINON

SHIMON Peres promised NIS 11.5 million to the haredi settlement of Kiryat Sefer, and Binyamin Netanyahu told of his pride when his four-year-old son came home from nursery school singing the Adon Olam prayer.

The two prime ministerial candidates courted the haredi vote at an Agudat Yisrael conference at Kinar yesterday. "I did not come here to find favor. I came here to speak the truth," Peres said.

He came out squarely against any erosion in the status quo on religious issues. "The status quo," he said, "including all the promises given since the beginning of the state - for instance the deferment granted to yeshiva students - will not be changed."

Peres said that his position on the status quo does not depend on "whether you vote for me or not. There are enough people here who know that my position on this was the same when I was in the opposition as when I was a minister."

He said that "there was an obligation from [Yitzhak] Rabin

for NIS 11.5 million for Kiryat Sefer. Agudat Yisrael leaders raised this with us, and it has been agreed with the Treasury that the money will be transferred. Promises must be kept."

Peres also told the audience that he will work to ensure that the haredi settlement of Betar in Gush Etzion "will remain under Israeli sovereignty in the final status agreement with the Palestinians, and that no settlers will be removed."

Netanyahu also pledged to uphold the status quo and spoke about religious and Jewish education, first saying that the haredi education system has not in the past received enough resources, and pledging to rectify the matter if he wins the elections.

He said there are different problems in the secular educational stream, and that he will move to make Jewish history a requirement in those schools.

"I have a four-year-old son," he said, "and my wife and I were not that happy with what he was bringing home from nursery

school. We moved him to a private school, half religious and half secular. He came home two weeks ago, stood on the couch and began to sing Adon Olam. I stood there very emotional, and very proud."

Netanyahu bemoaned that more and more Israelis are moving away from Jewish tradition and history.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer did more than just pledge housing for haredim, he hinted that a deputy ministerial position would be given to Meir Porush, No. 1 on Agudat Yisrael's Knesset list.

Despite the politicians' efforts, Menachem Porush, Agudat Yisrael's "elder statesman," said it is extremely unlikely the party's Council of Sages, who were not present for the campaign speeches, would issue directives to their followers regarding whom to vote for until just a few days before the election.

# Meretz asks elections panel to disqualify Yemin Yisrael

MICHAL YUDELMAN

MERETZ asked the Central Elections Committee to disqualify the Yemin Yisrael list yesterday, on the grounds it conspires another version of the outlawed Kach movement.

The committee, headed by Judge Theodore Orr, is scheduled to discuss the petition on April 30.

Meretz's leaders noted in their petition that two of Yemin Yisrael's 10 founders are active in Kach and the new movement's ideology is very similar to Kach's.

The petition, submitted by attorney Dafna Holtz, includes a chart comparing the platforms of Yemin Yisrael and Kach.

Meretz argued that in view of

Yemin Yisrael's declared goals and actions, which deny the state's democratic character and incite to racism, it should be prevented from taking part in the Knesset elections.

In another move yesterday, Meretz leaders blasted Labor's promises to Agudat Yisrael to block legislation on basic human rights and civil liberties. Meretz said it would make every effort to pass these bills in the Knesset, despite Labor.

Meretz leaders were also furious with Prime Minister Shimon Peres for promising Aguda leaders to increase construction in Kiryat Sefer, a settlement in the

territories, and to continue approving the exemption from military service to yeshiva students.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein called Peres's wooing the haredis "a distasteful, undignified and uneducational spectacle which repeats itself every election time. All the more so since it's obvious that they won't vote for him."

"It appears that Labor and the Likud are turning into Siamese twins, who lose their principles every time they start courting the haredi parties. Meretz will fight with all its power to sabotage this line of political speculation practiced by both major parties." Meretz's response team stated.

# Harel: Labor and Likud trying to move towards the center

THE Third Way has a problem with the unclear nature of the stands of the two major parties prior to the elections, the party's No. 2 Yehuda Harel said yesterday.

Harel was speaking at a Tel Aviv press conference in which the party slogan, "Meeting in the Center," was unveiled. Harel added that the two major parties were trying to move toward the center, thereby reducing the number of voters for The Third Way,

which he said was a true centrist party. Harel also noted the party's financial problems and the relative moderation of its supporters, which has made it difficult to organize large gatherings and make a major impact in the media. The party plans to spend about NIS 1 million on its campaign - a quarter of Labor's budget in the 1992 elections in Jerusalem alone. (Iain)

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# Yeltsin meets ecstatic crowd

BUDYONNOVSK (AP) - Boris Yeltsin mingled with an ecstatic crowd of thousands yesterday in this southern Russian city that fell victim to a bloody Chechen hostage-taking raid last summer.

People in Budyonnovsk waved, whistled and made victory signs in the air as the silver-haired president shook hands and made election promises. Dozens gathered around his empty black limousine to peer inside and caress the car.

Earlier, local Cossacks in colorful uniforms presented Yeltsin with their traditional garb and a brown stallion named Udaloi.

"I feel Udaloi already recognizes me. I can lead Russia forward from atop this horse," Yeltsin shouted into a microphone.

The Cossacks, who suffered repression under the Communists, promised to throw their support behind Yeltsin, who is seeking re-election in a crucial June 16 vote.

With elections two months away, President Boris Yeltsin has narrowed the gap between him and the Communist front-runner as an increasing number of Russians view the incumbent as the lesser of two evils, a leading polling organization said yesterday.

A poll by the All-Russia Opinion Research Center, known by its Russian acronym VTSIOM, showed that Yeltsin's popularity has risen steadily, while his Communist foe

Gennady Zyuganov has seen his support base stagnate.

The nationwide poll of 1,600 Russians, carried out last week, showed support for Yeltsin rising to 18 percent, up from 15% in March, 11% in February and 8% in January.

Over the same period, Zyuganov's rating only increased from 21 percent to 26 percent, said VTSIOM head Yuri Levada. The poll had a margin of error of 3.8%.

"Dissatisfaction with Yeltsin and the low level of confidence in him are still there, but, with the elections at hand, people's reasoning has become simpler and more cynical," Levada said.

The main factor of support for the incumbent president is people's hope that things won't get worse if he stays at power.

Much of the enthusiasm in Budyonnovsk, however, was caused by curiosity and the mere sight of Yeltsin. Before and immediately after the emotional rally, many said they would not vote for the incumbent president.

Budyonnovsk is a sprawling semi-village of mostly one-and two-story houses just 150 km north of the rebel republic of Chechnya. It has been hit hard by poverty and other hardships that its people blame on Yeltsin's reforms.

Yeltsin sent Russian troops into Chechnya in December 1994, trying to crush the republic's self-proclaimed independence.



US President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary, flanked by Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko stand in a receiving line at the start of a royal banquet at Tokyo's Imperial Palace yesterday.

# Clinton, Hashimoto sign defense agreement

TOKYO (AP) - President Clinton and Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto signed a joint security declaration yesterday that for the first time formally commits Japan to considering a military role outside its borders.

"The relationship between the United States and Japan is better and stronger than ever," Clinton said at a news conference with Hashimoto.

The US president pledged to keep 100,000 American troops in the Asia-Pacific region to preserve peace and uphold US interests. Hashimoto strongly welcomed the commitment, calling the service of young US soldiers a "precious" resource for Asia.

Documents signed by the two leaders reaffirmed the importance of defense cooperation and said Japan would continue to provide financial and other support for US troops here. Japan is committed to spending \$25 billion to support the troops over the next five years.

In the declaration, Japan formally committed itself to studying the sensitive issue of

cooperating more directly with defense allies. Japan's US-dictated pacifist constitution limits the military's role abroad to guard against a resurgence of World War II-style militarism.

Hashimoto said it is time the Japanese to think more seriously how those constitutional limits should define "what can be done, what cannot be done" in cooperating with US or other friendly forces in crises.

With the Japanese and American flags whipping in the wind behind him, Clinton declared at a joint news conference with Hashimoto, "Japan and the United States have a special responsibility to lead."

Hashimoto said the relationship is "supported by very firm and large pillars and by a big roof."

Afterwards, Clinton addressed crew members aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence at Yokosuka US Naval Base near Tokyo. Symbolic of US-Japan security ties, the Independence was berthed near a

Japanese warship.

"With you here, Asia is more secure, and so is America," Clinton told the sailors. He thanked the crew for helping the United States monitor China's war games and missile firings near Taiwan last month.

"Without firing a single shot you reassured nations all around the Pacific ... and gave the world another example of America's power and America's character," he said.

Responding to concerns about the US military presence in Japan, the president said at the news conference, "We seek no advantage. We seek to dominate no country," Hashimoto said he and Clinton had worked to "reduce the burden on the Okinawan people," where protests plague US military installations.

In a political gesture designed to guarantee harmony during the visit, the two countries announced that the US military on Okinawa would give back 20 percent of the land it uses for training - a move triggered by outrage on Okinawa over a rape by US servicemen.

# S. African white seeks black killer to forgive him

EAST LONDON (Reuter) - A white South African woman wounded in a guerrilla attack told the country's "truth commission" yesterday she wanted to look her would-be killer in the eye to see if they could forgive each other.

"I know why he did it," Beth Savage, who was hit by grenade shrapnel in the November 1992 attack on a party at a golf club, told the commission charged with exposing the atrocities of apartheid.

"There was so much bad feeling between black and white people at that time, what other reason could there have been?"

"I would only have to look him in the eye to know how he feels. All I would like to do is meet him and hope there's forgiveness."

Four people were killed in the attack when at least five men lobbed hand grenades and opened fire with automatic weapons on the party in King William's Town in the Eastern Cape province.

A defense force major was arrested and is on trial. Savage, who saw just one of the attackers, was one of 17 hurt in the violence and surgeons removed much of her large intestine.

"We're one country, we should be one nation," she said. "The time for fighting is over."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, chairing the commission which went into its third day of hearings yesterday, described Savage as an "extraordinary" person.

"In the struggle, awful things happened on both sides," Tutu said. "We pray that those who hear you will say, 'Hey, we do have an incredible country with extraordinary people'."

The widow of Matthew Goniwe, a celebrated black anti-apartheid martyr from the Eastern Cape town of Cradock, told the commission it faced a difficult task in its mission of healing apartheid's wounds.

"We are going to need a lot of energy and strength to try to engage people in a healing process," Nyamelet Goniwe said.

She noted two separate judicial inquiries into the 1985 murder of her husband and three colleagues - known as the Cradock Four - had failed to name the killers, although the second inquiry found security force members were responsible.

"We need to crack that, we need a witness," Mrs. Goniwe said. "We need the people out there who are still concealing the truth to come forward."

Tutu said the resolve and resilience shown by the widows of the Cradock Four at the hearings gave "great hope for this land."

The commission is investigating abuses from 1960, when the armed struggle began, until December 1993, the cutoff date for an amnesty for political crimes.

It has powers to indemnify those who confess to wrongdoing and will recommend financial reparations for their victims.

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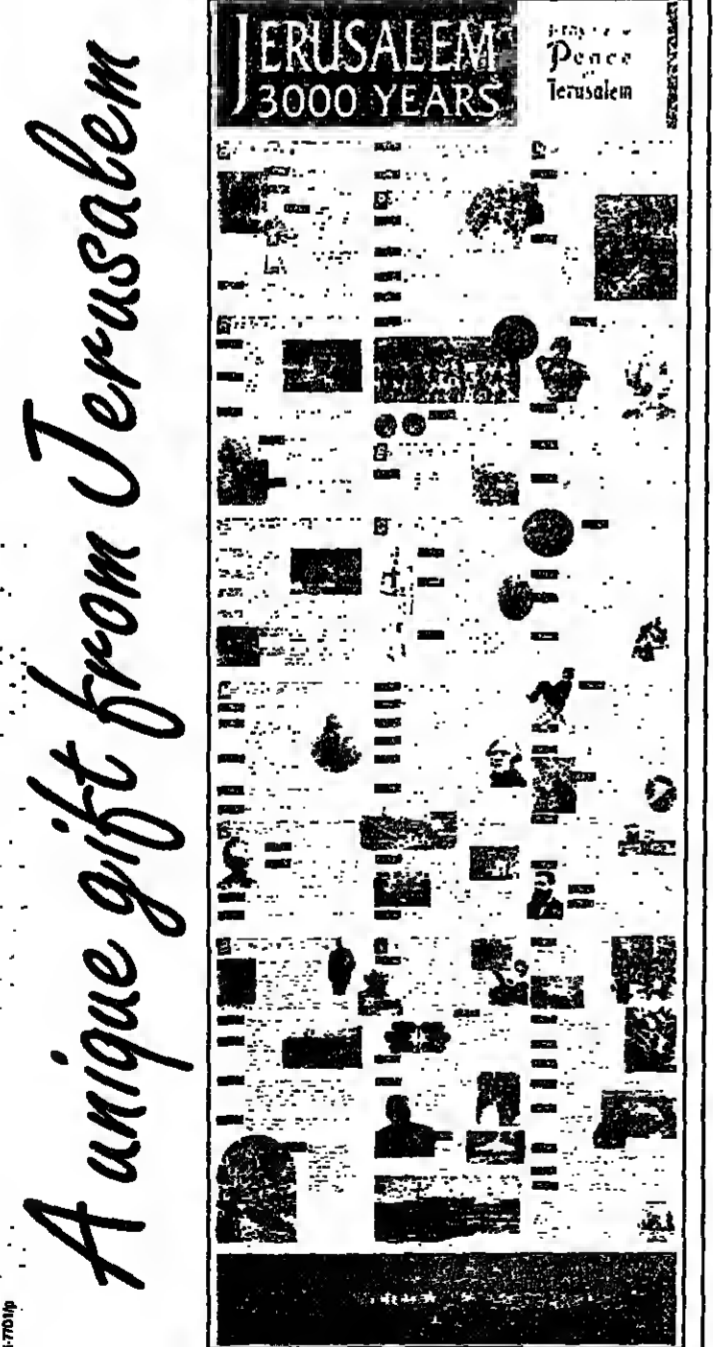
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# Judge grants Fergie and Andrew preliminary divorce

LONDON (AP) - In a three-minute hearing in a stark London courtroom, a judge granted Prince Andrew and the former Sarah Ferguson the first stage of a divorce yesterday.

The boisterous, much-criticized Fergie said in Switzerland it was the saddest day of her life.

The judge rubber-stamped the petition by the couple, listed as "HRH The Duke of York v. HRH

The Duchess of York" - and 28 other couples - at the divorce registry of the Family Division of the High Court.

Prince Andrew's petition in the bare lime-green Room F59 at the court building was a far cry from the pomp and ceremony that surrounded their glittering wedding at Westminster Abbey, cheered by millions, 10 years ago. They separated in March 1992.

"It's very sad, of course it's sad," the duchess told reporters outside her chalet in Verbier, Switzerland, where she is on a skiing holiday. Asked if it was the saddest day of her life, she said "that's an understatement."

Looking subdued, she kissed and cuddled her daughters, Princess Eugenie, 7, and Princess Beatrice, 6, in front of the cameras. "Our children are very secure,

very happy children because they know that their mother and father are the bestest of friends," said the red-haired duchess.

There was no mention of money in the court documents. News reports said the big-spending duchess was getting only 500,000 pounds (NIS 2.25m.) paid to her personally with 1.4 million pounds (NIS 6.3m.) placed in trust for the children.

# N. Korea not enthused by talks offer

MOSCOW (Reuter) - North Korea is likely to insist on strictly bilateral talks with the United States when it reacts officially to proposals for four-way talks on the Korean peninsula, Russia's Itar-Tass news agency said yesterday.

South Korean President Kim Young-sam sounded optimistic, telling a cabinet meeting: "In the end, North Korea will have no choice but to accept."

Tass, quoting informed sources in the North Korean capital, said Pyongyang would "stick firmly to its old position and demand direct bilateral talks with the United States without intermediaries."

"Pyongyang is ready to talk only to the United States whose troops were engaged in the

Korean War in 1950-1953 under the United Nations flag," Tass said. It added North Korea was likely to issue its official reaction shortly.

Tass is one of the few foreign news organizations still represented in communist North Korea, once Moscow's close ally.

The agency said there had been no mention of the four-way talks proposal in local newspapers.

The Tass report was in line with reported remarks by North Korea's ambassador to Moscow, Son Song-pil.

"At present other countries have no role to play in this area," Tass had quoted Son as saying. "There is no need for a conference on this question."

# Heat turned on Berlusconi

ROME (Reuter) - Center-left leaders questioned Silvio Berlusconi's fitness to govern yesterday as attention turned to the media mogul's court battles and conflicts of interest in the final days of Italy's election campaign.

With both camps chasing millions of undecided voters in a contest too close to call, the center-left Olive Tree bloc aimed its big guns at Berlusconi, who is bidding to return to the prime minister's office in Sunday's ballot.

His trial on charges of bribery in his Fininvest empire sat briefly yesterday but Berlusconi, leader of the center-right Freedom Alliance, was not in court.

Another Milan judge will resume a hearing today on whether Berlusconi should be

tried for illegally channelling cash to former premier Bettino Craxi, one of the most hated figures of Italy's graft-stained old guard.

Berlusconi, whose seven months in office in 1994 were marked by a power struggle with magistrates, has suffered in popularity since his dramatic victory two years ago and now risks being supplanted by his far-right ally Gianfranco Fini.

But he has insisted that he still calls the shots in their coalition and that his judicial problems will not affect his prospects of governing in the event of victory.

Crying foul, said earlier this month that he did not recognize "hostile actions" against him and his companies by what he called politicized prosecutors.

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Congressional principles

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres's decision to proceed with the "final status" talks with the PLO, scheduled to start on May 4, is puzzling. Both Yitzhak Rabin and he have stated time and again that the Oslo process will be suspended unless the PLO repeals the "clauses in the Palestinian Covenant which call for Israel's demise, and proves that its fight against terrorism is more than a media show."

changes must be formally approved "within two months of the date of inauguration of the Council."
The letter also expresses a specific American concern. Under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPPA), "no further US assistance will be provided to the Palestinian Authority and for Palestinian economic development unless the covenant is satisfactorily changed or nullified within two months of the assumption of responsibilities of the Palestinian Council."

Claws for the tigers

EUROPE and the Middle East tend to think of themselves as being the primary areas of interest for the United States, but it has been obvious ever since the Clinton presidency began that this administration at least sees the Pacific Rim and Asia as the primary region of the future.

mies could well be built on a political earthquake zone. Even such a politically insignificant (though morally reprehensible) incident as the trial of US servicemen for the rape of a minor in Okinawa demonstrated how fragile Asian security might be. The Japanese central government was obliged to stand firm against growing public demands for the closure of American bases in the country.



Plum ripe for picking

WHEN Lebanese Hizbullah chief Hassan Nasrallah threatened recently to wage the terrorist war worldwide, his words were treated as bombastic rhetoric, as wishful thinking. But the West would be prudent to heed them.

love lost between them and their white colleagues.
As a result, our informant continued, there has been a major breakdown in security, particularly in Johannesburg. The police cannot match the armaments and sophisticated equipment of the gangsters. They don't dare to confront them openly.

Iranians, Libyans and Algerians see South Africa as a fertile seedbed for fundamentalism

The PAC is led by one Benny Alexander, who models himself on Malcolm X, the notorious American black power activist. Alexander, or Khosan X, as he is now known, maintains close links with the militant Moslem Qibla movement led by Ahmed Kasseem.

ammunition its "fighters" need.
On a visit to the sprawling Soweto slum city outside Johannesburg, a writer of this column discovered that a Kalatchaikov rifle could be bought for as little as \$50. A little bargaining would get a boxful of ammunition thrown in.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLASH AT NEW GATE
Sir, - The item report you published on April 1 under the title "Arab scout injured in clash with police," contained a piece of misinformation. I was an eyewitness of what happened. No one threw stones or bottles at the policemen.

MACHAL MEMORIAL
Sir, - Machal, Volunteers from Abroad who rallied to Israel's defense during the fateful Aljiba Bet and War of Independence periods, will gather at a remembrance service on Remembrance Day to honor the memory of 118 fallen comrades.

SECURITY LEAKS
Sir, - So, the journalists' privacy has been violated! At last, they are getting a taste of the medicine that they hand out to the public.

POSTSCRIPT
IN A MOTHERLY show of courage, a Brooklyn cat reared into a burning building to rescue her five kittens, one by one.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT
Klingon warrior Captain Kramkor sings the Klingon national anthem at the first-ever Klingon Language Camp, sort of an ulpan for self-styled aliens. If none of this means anything to you, perhaps you should be reading the high-brow stuff elsewhere on this page.



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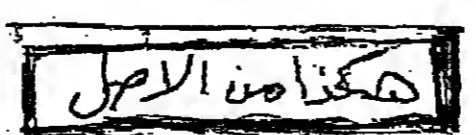
Peace dividend

YOSEF GOELL

FOR most Israelis this past winter India conjured up images of thousands of young Israelis running wild, indulging in unending drugs and sex on the beaches of Goa (though, truth to tell, the hysteria existed largely in the columns of our lurid tabloid press.)

But having returned recently from an exhaustive six-week trip around a good part of India, I was left with some very different images concerning the tremendous potential in the newly developing relationship between our Lilliputian country and that gigantic subcontinent.

Huge benefits could accrue from trade with 'the other India' if exporters only tread warily
ONE OF the main things we Israelis have going for us is the tremendous admiration and goodwill many Indians have for Israel.





Photos by Stephen Trimble

Father and son, Jay and Tim Fisher, tackle Little Falls rapids, a big drop that generates plenty of adrenaline.

## A Waterways Legacy: Poling the St. Croix



When not paddling or poling, Tim Fisher had time to catch a nice small mouth bass.

By Stephen Trimble  
Universal Press Syndicate

Well before dawn, we push away from shore, slip paddles into the water and turn our canoes downstream.

Flickering silver from a quarter-moon ripples the river surface, a sheen of light to show the occasional V-wave behind rocks. In the velvet darkness we are attuned to small sounds—paddle clunks, current riding over rocks. Gradually, gray light filters through a heavy mist, the stars dim and sunrise begins.

Canoes link us to the history of this continent as no other craft can. American Indians used canoes to navigate 60-foot cedar dugouts in the Northwest to the elegant birchbark canoes of the North Woods. When Europeans pierced the wilderness to capture the fur trade, they did so in canoes. These pioneers remain figures of romance. As we drift silently into this still morning on Maine's St. Croix River, we can imagine ourselves apprentices to any of these.

This is a quiet stretch, which is why our guides, Randy and Issy Cross, scheduled our morning paddle here. The river is thick with mist, "river smoke." He tapes a candle lantern to the stern of his canoe, and we follow this small light as it weaves its way downstream and disappears around a bend. His pipe leaves a trail on the water, scenting the river smoke.

It takes a couple of hours for the sun to break the horizon. We paddle slowly, drifting as much as we stroke. I stop on a marshy shore to photograph as the light begins to color purple, then to peach; birds begin their pre-dawn chorus. When the sun rises, it illuminates the river smoke, silhouetting every boat and slowly burning the mist off. An immature bald eagle perches high on a snag, one of a dozen adults and immatures we see on the St. Croix, Maine's primary breeding area for the species.

We are in Washington County, Maine, where the sun reaches the United States first each day. Quoddy Head, down in Passamaquoddy Bay, is the absolute easternmost point, and this morning's sunrise on the river, a half-degree of longitude to the west, occurred only a few moments later.

Our ease on the river is a newly acquired. Most of us have nostalgic memories of paddling as kids and little experience since. Could we really handle rapids alone? On our first day, when Martin Brown, owner of Sunrise County Canoe Expeditions, assigns most of us full-sized 15- to 17-foot canoes at base camp, he assures us that we can manage them solo.

Still, we are apprehensive, especially the small women without exceptional upper body strength. Randy and Issy reassure us, pointing out that spouses in a tandem canoe often need counseling by the end of the first day on the river.

Canoes have a reputation as being tippy but Martin wants us to forget that. To prove his point, he rocks his canoe wildly, even while standing.

"Two people in a tandem canoe guide a small craft," he says. "One person wears a canoe—like a ski. When you're poling, you have a fine sense of the river. You glide like a water bug. It's mostly technique, not strength."

The neglected art of poling is a technique that harks back to the era of loggers driving rafts of timber down Maine rivers.

"If you did nothing but paddling, you'd be wondering what to do after two years," Randy says. "You've peaked out. With poling, there are limitless possibilities. It takes a lifetime to master."

"When your paddle hits bottom, grab your pole." To pole in shallow water, you stand in the canoe and push yourself down (or up) the river with a 12-foot ash or spruce pole, pushing off the bottom with the tip or "walking" your hands up the pole. To slow, you reach downstream to "stun" your way precisely through a rapid.

Your moves depend on how high you hold the pole, its angle to the boat and your body, where you place the tip on the river bottom, which side of the boat you choose for setting

the pole and how well you read the current, which is always shifting. As soon as you veer more than five degrees away from your line, you lose the chance to correct, and the river turns you sideways.

The St. Croix, a designated Canadian Heritage River, rises in the Chipmuncook Lakes, and for its 95-mile length, forms the border between Maine and New Brunswick. We begin our trip at the last of the lakes, Spednic.

After struggling against a wind that keeps blowing me sideways, I am relieved, but not proud, to finally reach our campsite on Todd's Island. I possess neither the experience nor the strokes to hold my line in a "wind ferry."

The Maine wilderness is the domain of guides like the Crosses—men and women who have grown up with rivers and woods and canoes. Since 1899, the state has licensed guides, today administering a rigorous oral and written test in recreation, hunting, fishing and white-water skills for certification as a master guide.

Canoes are like an extra family vehicle in Maine, with more than one canoe for every four people. Randy began canoeing the St. Croix in 1974 while still in high school. Today, he's a wildlife biologist, keeping track of 60 bears in north-central Maine, but continuing to lead a few river trips each year. Randy admits to owning 10 canoes.

"Actually," Issy confides, "there are more."

The emphasis today is on kayaking and rafting, but open canoes give you an intimacy with rivers that is impossible in a heavy raft. There are no passive passengers; everyone paddles. Also, canoes can be portaged, allowing you to move from drainage to drainage or to bypass unrunnable falls. Maneuverable in shallow rocky streams, canoes can carry larger amounts of bulky gear and make better time on flatwater lakes than white-water kayaks.

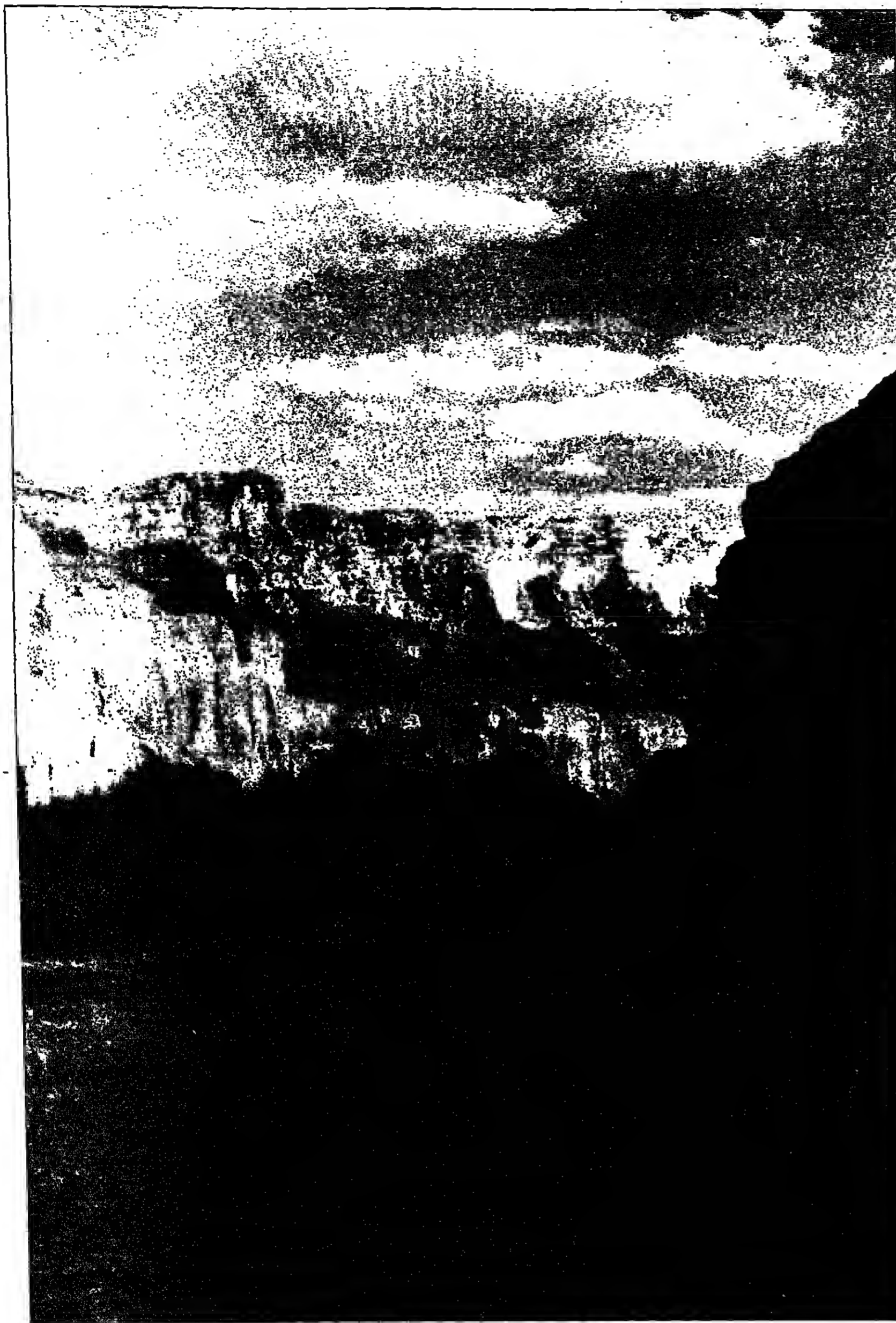
Martin laments the image of the canoe as stodgy, a craft for "two fat guys bass-fishing on a lake."

Canoes need not be stodgy, but they are more accessible than rafts or kayaks. Any family with a \$300 used canoe.

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# Running the Colorado River



When rafting down the Colorado River, you can't help but enjoy the spectacular scenery.

By Roberta Sotonoff

It begins slowly. The rafts glide calmly over water that mirrors the stark beauty of the towering canyon. A feeling of tranquility and the sun's rays cover the group like a warm blanket.

The sound of running water is heard in the distance. The noise grows louder as the river currents quicken. Suddenly, the rafts plunge into the whitewater. This is only a "riffle," however, a small sample of what is to come.

At Badger Creek Rapid, the crafts plummet 15 feet into a wall of 49-degree water. Adrenaline pumps wildly, teeth chatter and everyone shivers in an air temperature of 110 degrees.

That's how it is when you're rafting the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, you will either be baking from the sun or freezing from the cold water. Some passengers chug beer or take a slug of Yukon Jack whiskey to keep warm. Screams echo down the canyon when running the rapids.

Running the rapids is expected to be even better this season thanks to a conservation undertaking in the canyon. Last month, the flood gates of the Colorado River were opened for one week, redistributing sediment, improving the shoreline and raising the water level seven inches, much to the delight of rafters.

**Running the river is a life-changing experience. The isolation and primitive conditions at the bottom of the canyon make it impossible to hide from yourself.**

But excitement isn't all rafting the Colorado is all about. There's the serenity John Wesley Powell wrote about when, in the late 19th century, he took two expeditions down the river.

Powell wrote, "The river rolls by us in silent majesty; the quiet of the camp is sweet; our joy is almost ecstasy."

When he explored this body of water, it was a frightening, untamed enemy. The 277-mile stretch between Lake Mead and Lee's Ferry has since been harnessed by the Hoover and Glen Canyon Dams, making it a refuge from the fast pace of civilization as opposed to a rampaging force.

Running the river is a life-changing experience. The isolation and primitive conditions at the bottom of the canyon make it impossible to hide from yourself. Possessions? So few of them fit into the wet bag—a tarp, pad, sleeping bag, a few basics. They certainly will not protect you from the elements.

So it's with great apprehension that 28 strangers and four boatmen board two motorized rafts a Lee's Ferry. Ranging from teenagers to retirees, professionals to a pit boss from the Trump Taj Mahal, they embark on a 188-mile odyssey through the Glen, Marble and Grand Canyons. All quickly bound to share a great adventure.

But these experiences are quite different from home. The food is tasty, but the condiments are always the same—salt, pepper and sand.

Then there's the bathroom facilities—one morning, while trying to shave, a trout swims up to my husband's razor. An portable toilet is set up in the camp area.

Every evening, there's creative entertainment, like our improvised disco. One of the boatmen twirls a flashlight above his head while many of us rock to a "Dirty Dancing" tape. The sound system is a small Walkman with speakers attached to it.

The boatmen also share their knowledge

of history, geology as well as flora and fauna of the area. They love us with river tales and jokes. But there is not joking when the safety of the group is involved. Before running a large rapid, our lead pilot, Mike, gets out of the raft to study the flow and water level. Resembling a proud Indian chief tending his tribe, he guides us through the most treacherous waters.

One soon develops a feeling of reverence toward the raw beauty of the canyon. The passage of the 1.7 billion years that it took to create this masterpiece is difficult to comprehend. Changing formations of the shale, granite, schists, limestone and sandstone coquettishly mask the enormous turbulence and force of climatic changes, volcanic activity, erosion and the tremendous heat and pressure from the earth's core that produced this natural wonder. It is humbling.

But it is also fun. For about five hours a day we run the river. The rest of the time is spent hiking, rock climbing, fording thigh-high streams, and jumping into waterfalls. In caves that the Anasazi Indians once inhabited, rafters play volleyball and horseshoes. Indians had occupied the canyon for more than 4,000 years, beginning with the extinct Desert Culture Indians. They were preceded by the ancient Cohonina and the Anasazi—the forerunners of the Hopi and Pueblo tribes.

Like these primitive tribes, we trek to the Little Colorado River. Only we go tubing. Wearing our life preservers upside down, twenty-four of us join together to make a tubing train.

Every adventure brings more camaraderie. But, though everyone makes an effort, there is still a lone in the group. This hapless man never seems to get anything right. He accidentally moons the other raft at a pit stop; making a point to be first in line for lunch, he drops his overloaded plate on the sand.

One day he painstakingly spends two hours putting up a tent. It collapses within 10 minutes.

I wonder if I could do better. I don't do tents. I prefer Hyatts. Every afternoon at the new campsite, I search for the 5-star plot of sand that will be our suite for the evening. Like many hotel chains, all the rooms are similar. In this case, the walls are the canyon, and the ceiling, the stars. Lying in my sleeping bag waiting for sleep to come, I count constellations instead of sheep.

As dawn breaks, the moon and the first rays of light shyly creep over the rock formations. Then, the sun bursts boldly over the gorge, spilling out its rays and painting the canyon with glorious hues. Birds sing their morning songs as the rush of the river plays in the background. Packing up our rooms and loading the rafts after breakfast, another day begins.

It goes by all too quickly. There is a toga party on the last night. While everyone enjoys the party, they feel morose at the prospect of leaving new friends the next morning.

The noisy sound of a helicopter breaks through the calm, signaling our departure. With spectacular flair, the chopper makes its perpendicular rise from the canyon floor. From its window, the depth and grandeur of the abyss are even more overwhelming.

The craft takes us to the Bar 10 Ranch to shower, use flush toilets and do some souvenir shopping. Until now, my only souvenir is sand. I have collected enough to make a beach in my laundry room.

At home, the words of a fellow rafter reverberate in my head.

"If I would have died last week," he said, "they would have probably written on my tombstone, 'He never lived,' now at least everyone will have to say, 'He made a beginning.'"

Roberta Sotonoff is a Chicago-based freelance writer.

## BAY KAYAKING

The Inns of Monterey in California, including Hotel Pacific, Monterey Bay Inn, Spindrift Inn and the Victorian Inn, are offering a special package through April 30. Other packages are also available.

The package includes one-night accommodations, two adult tickets for kayaking (including all equipment) and continental breakfast. Kayaking on the quiet bay is easy to learn and no experience is necessary.

Rates range from \$129 for a room with a fireplace at the Victorian Inn to \$199 for a Cannery Row-view room with fireplace at the Spindrift Inn. These rates are valid Sunday through Thursday. FYI: Inns of Monterey, (001) 408/373-8000.

## FLY-FISHING

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Rates start at \$1,499 per couple, including accommodations, all meals, three days of fly-fishing instruction, unlimited fishing, fly box and flies. Guests can also take advantage of the resort's golf, tennis, horseback riding, swimming and lake activities.

The Ailsa is located 35 miles northwest of Santa Barbara in the Santa Ynez Valley.

FYI: The Ailsa Guest Ranch and Resort, 1054 Ailsa Road, Solvang, California 93463; (001) 805/866-6411.

## ELDER ADVENTURERS

Canada-based ElderTreks designs itineraries for travelers over 50 that will make younger adventurers wish they were older. One example is their upcoming tour to two little-visited regions of China: remote Yunnan in the southwest and Tibet.

Participants can choose to travel to one or both regions. A 15-day trip explores the rugged mountains and gorges of Yunnan, where hikes and visits to tribal communities are on the itinerary.

The 12-day journey to Tibet reveals the beauty of the region's arid plains and snowcapped mountains. Highlights include tours of remote monasteries and the palaces of the former Dalai Lamas. The tour winds up in the Himalayan city of Kathmandu, Nepal.

The land cost of the entire 26-day tour is \$3,900 per person, including accommodations, meals and transportation within China. The Yunnan-only tour is \$2,150; the Tibet-only portion is \$1,895. Departures are scheduled for April 30 and October 8.

FYI: ElderTreks, 587 Markham Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6G 2L7; (001) 416/588-5000.

## APPALACHIAN SPRING

Immerse yourself in the traditional charms of Southern Appalachia with the National Trust for

Historic Preservation's nine-day journey, departing May 10.

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Land cost is \$2,995 per person, double occupancy, including accommodations at award-winning inns, portage, entries to all attractions, 22 meals, airport transfers and motor coach transportation.

FYI: National Trust for Historic Preservation, (001) 202/673-4138, or Leamed Journeys, (001) 805/682-6191, fax (001) 805/682-4154.

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*The sound of running water is heard in the distance. The noise grows louder as the river currents quicken. Suddenly, the rafts plunge into the whitewater. This is only a "riffle," however, a small sample of what is to come.*



Photo by Louis Sotomoff

## Water Sports Guide:

• Colorado River motorized or oar powered raft trips are done by several qualified outfitters. Prices range from about \$550 to about \$1,800 depending on the length of the trip and inclusions. Most trips originate at Page, Arizona, and launch at Lees Ferry though some traverse from Phantom Ranch to the Bar 10 Ranch or Lake Meade. We used ARA Wilderness Adventures (001) 520/645-3296 and would certainly choose them again. ARA hires a charter flies rafters from the Bar 10 Ranch either to Las Vegas or back to Page.

• St. Croix International Waterway Commission, Box 610, Calais, Maine 04819 (001) 506/466-7550. This is a contact for maps and further information on recreation facilities. The Commission collaborates on river management in novel ways with a unique array of interests: one state, one provincial, and two federal governments; private owners, the largest being Georgia-Pacific; and a variety of user groups, including the outfitters below:

—American Canoe Association, Suite B-226, 7432 Alban Station Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22150; (001) 703/451-0141. The umbrella organization for the sport.

—American Rivers, Suite 400, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20003; (001) 202/547-6900. A major force in river conservation.

—Blackfeather, 1960 Scott Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1Z8L8; (001) 613/722-9717; fax (001) 613/722-0245. A Canadian outfitter.

—Mahoesuc Guide Service, Bear River Road, Newry, Maine 04261; (001) 207/824-2073. Polly Mahoney and Kevin Slater run canoe and dog sledding trips; they use traditional equipment like wooden canoes and specialize in cross-cultural Canadian trips with Cree Indian guides.

—National Association of Canoe Livers and Outfitters (NACLO)/Professional Paddle Sports Association, P.O. Box 248, Butler, Kentucky 41006; (001) 606/472-2205; fax (001) 606/472-2030. A contact for outfitters in other parts of the country.

—North Woods Ways, Rural Route 2 Box 159A, Willimantic, Guilford, Maine 04443; (001) 207/997-3723. Ultra-traditionalists Garrett and Alexandra Conover use hand-made wood and canvas canoes and run winter expeditions as well as river trips.

—Sunrise County Canoe Expeditions, Cathance Lake, Grove Post, Maine 04657; (001) 207/454-7708. Trips range from the Rio Grande in March, to the Canadian Arctic and Iceland in summer, to the St. Croix at the height of autumn color. The St. Croix is the company's home river, with trips scheduled from Memorial Day to mid-October. A six-day St. Croix trip runs \$689 per person; shorter trips begin at \$495.

—Wilds of Maine Guide Service, 2 Abby Lane, Yarmouth, Maine 04096; (001) 207/846-9735. Mike Patterson runs major rivers in Maine and some farther afield. He also offers poling workshops.

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inexpensive paddles and a few duffels, coolers, sleeping bags and life jackets can push off into the current and float away on a wilderness river, taking children too small to hike.

At 9- or 10 years old, children can begin to contribute seriously to bow paddling. Adults do most of the work while the kids still feel they are helping. Issy, an assistant high school principal in her non-river life, says canoeing "builds confidence and better self-esteem."

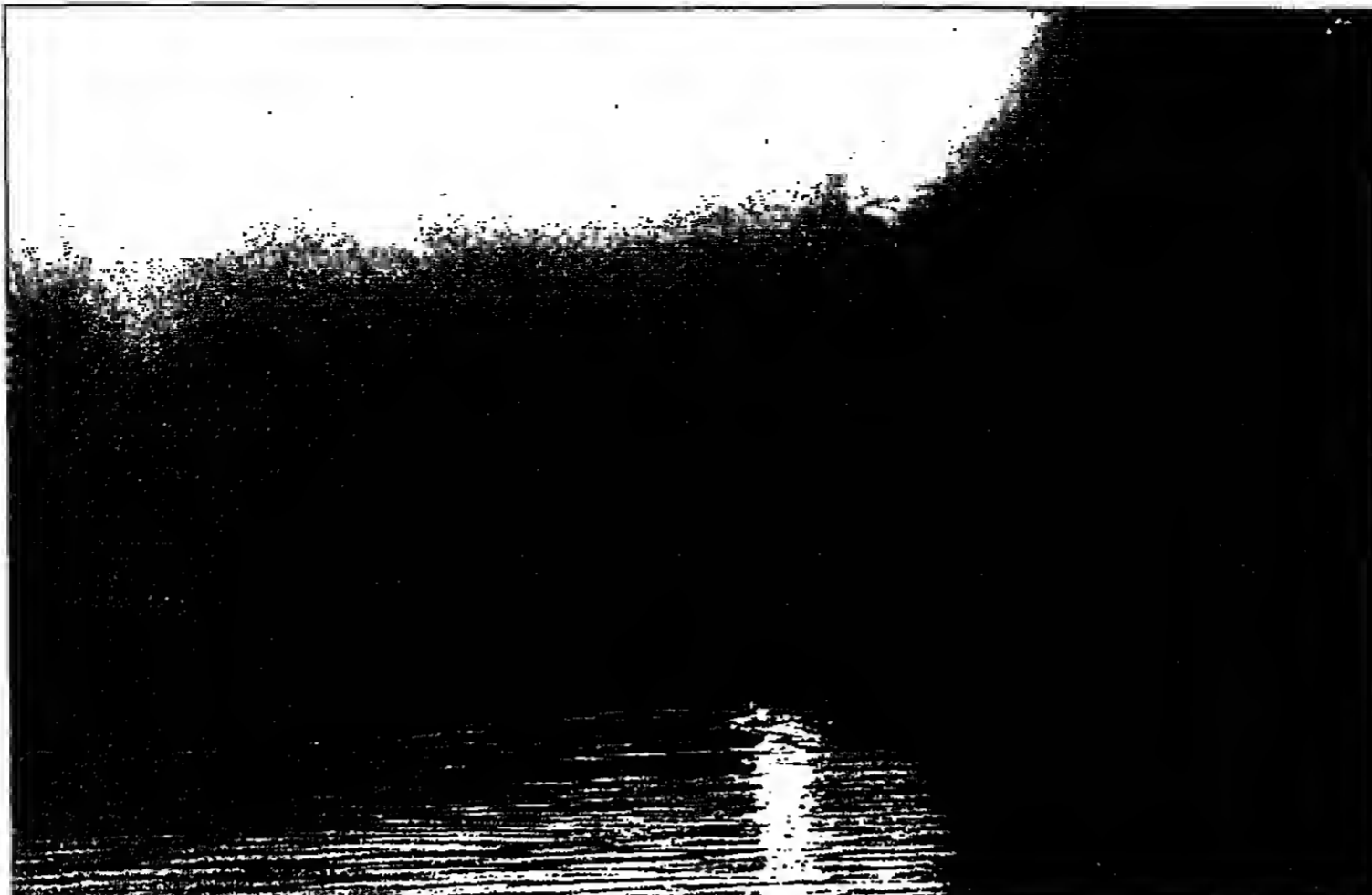
"People were doing similar things with poles and paddles 150 years ago," Randy says. "Canoes are the one craft that really takes you back."

All the Maine guides we encountered favor river "costumes" that emphasize nostalgic traditions—wool, felt and plaid, faded dirt-browns and dusty-greens, the colors of the forest. We had been instructed to outfit ourselves from head to foot in wool or quick-drying, warm-when-wet polypropylene fleece. As it turned out, good weather during the late August days kept us mostly in shorts and T-shirts.

During that first night, we hear loons on the lake: a tree falls in the dark of the island forest. In the morning, a squirrel's chatter wakes us—a furry alarm clock perched on a stump 15 feet from the tent door.

The sun breaks through the steely morning mist as we watch Randy and Issy and their camp helper cook a breakfast of "river toast," two-layered French toast with cream cheese in the middle. Blue-gray lines of distant woods turn to green, the forest's true color; it's almost as if the sunlight is green. We won't see an overcast day again.

A gentle current helps carry us across Spednic Lake in Vanceboro, where we divide into crews of six to carry the loaded canoes one by one up a bank and around a dam that controls the river downstream. Because this dam and the large headwater lakes allow



Modern-day voyagers pole silently over the St. Croix River while a rising sun burns away "river smoke."

Photo by Stephen Trimble

The emphasis today is on kayaking and rafting, but open canoes give you an intimacy with rivers that is impossible in a heavy raft.

for a continuous moderate water level, canoeists can paddle the St. Croix through October when most other regional rivers are dry.

When we push off into the St. Croix below the dam, we paddle our first white water. Kill-Me-Quick Rips. The St. Croix is a dream river for a beginner's canoe clinic, a sampler—starting with the lake, moving on to smaller, then increasingly larger rapids, with plenty of shallows for poling and stretches of flatwater

and meadows for contemplation.

"It's lively without being intimidating," Martin says. The guides select camps for their sunrise and sunset views. At English Cove, the early-risers are up before 6 a.m. At breakfast, I still am giddy with memories of the orange fire of the rising sun burning away the mist.

On our leisurely schedule, we often have time for one of Randy's nature walks. The kids in the two families on our trip delight in learning that a double whorl of leaves on Indian cucumber root indicates an extra-tasty and tasty root. They also discover the sticky, piney delight of chewing spruce gum.

Once on the river, we practice our strokes. Every adult in our crew is paddling solo, except for those with children in the bow, and we gain an exhilarating sense of self-reliance.

On the third morning, Randy gathers us in an eddy for our first, sobering poling lesson. The challenge of the technique is evident as we stand to practice, timidly and inefficiently flailing and spinning. Randy reminds us to watch our angle: "You have to react; be like a fish!" Even Issy cannot match his mastery.

At Little Falls, we kneel to paddle, for extra power and stability. This is our first big rapid, a drop that generates plenty of adrenaline. After scouting the drop, each of us enters the current with care, but the canoes fulfill their promises of stability, and we thrill to the sense of control. Waiting for our turns, we cheer the good runs and the bad, and pass cameras around to record our passages.

With our modern Kevlar and ABS foam canoes we paddle right over the rocky ledges into the waves below, leaving streaks of green and red paint here and there on the rocks.

We disappear into river time, living for the moment. Rapids come and go, and our canoes glide through quiet stretches. When thirsty, we simply dip a cup into the crystalline river and drink. We pole the shallows and take turns photographing each other as we run the bigger rips, like Little Falls, Haycock and Canoose.

The winding river preserves our sense of privacy, of near-wilderness, though the land is mostly owned by a logging company. Maine and New Brunswick require Georgia-Pacific to leave an uncut "beauty strip" of old-growth woods—spruce and fir, hemlock

and cedar—along the river corridor.

The kids fish, hoping for salmon (a coldwater catch unlikely this late in the summer) and hooking many smallmouth bass, releasing all but one 12-inch-er. Tim, the youngest at eight, catches frogs.

River left is Canada, river right is the United States, but we don't always remember we are on an international boundary. The river becomes our world, and such distinctions seem arbitrary.

One night each member of our party tells what they will remember from the St. Croix. Luke, a 14-year-old from New Hampshire, is the most articulate: "It's the extreme beauty of the river. The current is like the wind on your body. You and the river are one."

"A high mountain peak will take your breath away; looking down Little Falls will take two breaths away."

Below Dog Falls, we pull in to an overgrown campsite that hasn't been used for years. Randy and Issy announce a contest to name the camp as we work to "bush out" the site to clear the brush and branches enough to make room for sleeping bags and kitchen gear. The results of our vote honor my wife and me: Utah Point. Not many St. Croix paddlers come from

so far away.

For most, this is a four-day trip, an extended weekend from Boston.

"The fact that the river is at least one full day from any population center keeps it from being ruined," Mario says.

This is our last campsite. We eat an early dinner, load the canoes and lie down in our sleeping bags, tentless under hemlocks and stars. Tomorrow is the morning paddle we have been hearing about since the first of our six days on the river.

Roused at 3:45, we eat a quick snack and, bleary-eyed, stumble into our boats with mugs of coffee, wearing several layers of polypropylene.

After more than five hours on the river, we stop for breakfast at 9:30 at the mouth of Hidden Passage. Exhausted, Suzy sleeps in the sun while her boys, Tim and Chris, roughhouse through lovely glees in the sunlit woods. Randy uses up much of the remaining food in what he calls "kitchen-sink pancakes." They are as heavy as lead, which we all acknowledge before devouring them with gusto.

Hidden Passage gives us one last chance to practice our poling—a little stream across Egg Point that takes us on a tortuous half-mile journey through shallows and around downed trees. We feel transported to Cajun swamp country, Southern bastion of poling. Halfway through, we must sit and paddle simply to avoid being knocked over by low-hanging branches. "Small-stream navigation" is Randy's somewhat overblown description of the interlude.

Emerging onto flat water at Grand Falls Flowage, I realize I've come a long way from my frustrating fight with the wind and current on Spednic Lake that first day. The women concerned about paddling solo at the beginning of the trip are grinning.

This last morning, I watch as Randy leaves his mark at our breakfast stop. Each time he takes leave of a St. Croix River campsite, he crosses two pieces of split kindling in the stone fireplace and decorates them with a bundle of wildflowers or dried grasses. With this unlikely calling card, the registered Maine master guide takes full responsibility for the condition of the camp: "Randy Cross was here."

He does this quietly. I did not even notice until the third morning of our trip. With his mark he says much about how to take care of this river. Guiding a St. Croix trip "is like going home," he says.

In this crowded world, we share ownership of all the remaining wild places just as we share the romantic legacy of canoeing. The St. Croix, like every river, is our lifeblood.

For more information on Waterways Trips, see page 3.

Stephen Trimble's books include The People; Indians of the American Southwest (School of American Research Press, Santa Fe, 1993); The Geography of Childhood: Why Children Need Wild Places (Beacon Press, 1994); and Earthtones: A Nevada Album (University of Nevada Press, 1995).

WOMEN ROUGH IT IN CANOES

By Kathi Diamant

Copley News Service

Never seen anything like it, said a grizzled, white-haired man, scratching his chin. Eighteen women had just unloaded nine canoes into the Churchill River at Missinipe in northern Saskatchewan. He watched in amazement as we put on our gear and life preservers.

"I don't like canoes. Too unsteady," he offered. "This sure is a unique event. Never seen a bunch of women go out there alone."

"You're gonna get rained on, you know," he added.

thunder rumbled up ahead. Bravely, we paddled on.

We were the first all-women canoe expedition organized by CanoeSki Discovery Co. The fully licensed and insured ecoadventure tour company has been guiding, outfitting and instructing wilderness-oriented programs in the Churchill River area since 1989. Owner Cliff Speer, a former schoolteacher and certified instructor, did not expect the response to his first women-only canoe challenge.

"I thought we'd have four or five participants, maybe," Speer admits. "But we filled up nine canoes quickly, and there were seven women standing by on the waiting list."

The first four-day "Women's Challenge" canoe expedition promised a total immersion into the natural rhythms of Saskatchewan's newest Canadian Heritage River, the Churchill. We would learn to paddle, portage, navigate by map and compass. We would

helpful co-leader, CanoeSki Discovery Co. staff included musician-chef Nissa, a 19-year-old Wunderkind who supervised Speer's very tasty recipes and then entertained us around the campfire after dinner. A lovely addition to the trip was Catherine, a professional massage therapist, who put her magic to work on aching shoulders, tired arms and stiff necks at the end of each day.

Canoe instruction and wilderness safety briefings took place at Wadin Bay on the first day. We were to keep the baggie-encased maps of our route and the safety whistles with us at all times. Two short whistle blasts for attention; one long blast for "Help!" Dangers included, but were not limited to possible but improbable black bear encounters, canoe capsizes and getting lost.

Most of us were novices. Those who had canoeed before had done so with husbands. Canoeing with men, I was informed, is different from canoeing with women.

"Men tend to overcompensate for the women," our leader agreed. "Men generally sit in the stem and do the steering. They carry the canoe during portages. Men usually gather the firewood, pitch the tent, do the heavy work on a trip like this."

The reality of traveling without men was daunting to many of the women, who ranged in age from early 20s to mid-50s. The paddling distance was more than 25 miles with three portages. Portages are the overland transportation of the 60- to 80-pound canoes to avoid rough waters and/or rapids. During portages, canoes are carried upside down, balanced on the shoulders and head of one person.

There were no telephones. Camping was primitive. We were on our own.

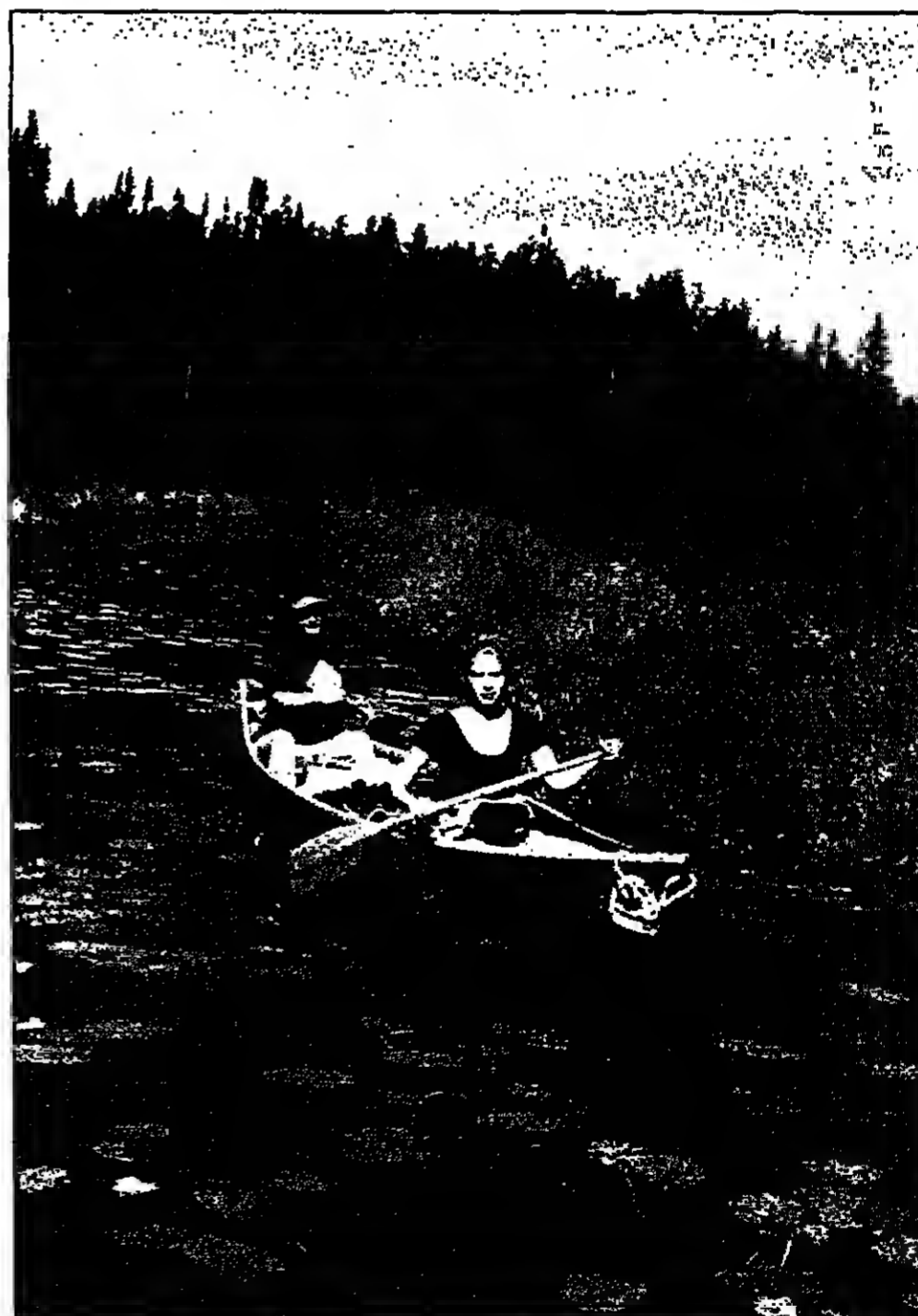
We did get rained on. It was the end of August, but the nights were cold. The wind howled and the loons cried eerily at night.

But the sun shone through the clouds every day. On the second day, after setting up camp on a tiny, mossy island, we saw a double rainbow amid a spectacular sunset.

Our "J" stroke improved as all of us got a shot at steering. We got stronger and more sure of ourselves.

The old man wasn't there waiting for us when we returned to Missinipe. Too bad. He would have seen 18 women, tired but triumphant, lift canoes back onto the trailer rack and talk about what the experience had meant to them.

We felt exhilaration at the pristine beauty of the



The first all-women canoe expedition, organized by CanoeSki Discover Company of the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, filled up nine canoes.

Photo by Kathi Diamant

If You Go Women's canoe trips: Scheduled for women only are two trips: July 28-29, with a massage therapy/music theme for \$325, and August 21-23, with a wildlife, ecology and nature focus for \$405. Cost includes meals, instruction/guiding and canoe-camping equipment. Getting there: CanoeSki Discovery Co. provides round-trip transportation to Lac La Ronge Provincial Park from Saskatoon. Air Canada and Northwest Airlines offer daily service to Saskatoon from several major U.S. and Canadian cities. What to bring: CanoeSki provides tents, pads and waterproof canoe packs and a detailed list of what to bring upon registration. The tents are compact, so you'll want to pack lightly. For more information: Contact Cliff Speer, CanoeSki Discovery Co., 1615 Ninth Ave. N., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada S7K 3A1; (001) 306/653-55693. CanoeSki also offers a wide range of summer canoe programs for families, individuals and youth groups.

We knew. All morning as we drove north on the narrow dirt road from Wadin Bay, where we camped the night before, on the northwest shore of Lac La Ronge, we watched the big Saskatchewan sky grow darker and more ominous. As we got into our canoes at Missinipe, which means "Big Water" in the Cree language, and paddled toward Grandmother Bay,

an unlikely name for a Canadian Outward Bound Wilderness School instructor, was enormously calm and capable. Lee did everything, from pitching tents to baking apple crisp cake in the camp oven (which she constructed from birch logs) to teaching basic canoe techniques.

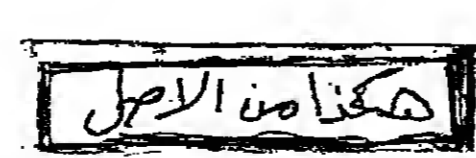
Lee didn't work alone. In addition to Deb, the

river and the successful accomplishment of the physical challenge. One of the women, a physician and mother of five, was very proud of herself—especially since she'd been thinking of bowing out of the trip after the first night in Wadin Bay. Another participant, a nurse from Colorado, was surprised to discover that she was stronger than she thought.

"I was able to forget about work and home and

responsibilities," she said during the long drive back to Saskatoon. "Concentrating on survival, I got to live in the moment, close to the elements, responding to nature. It truly was a genuine physical and spiritual renewal."

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# Unlearning prejudice makes all the difference

EVERYONE is prejudiced. That's one of the basic assumptions of A World of Difference, the Anti-Defamation League's American program to teach tolerance.

Another assumption is that no one is born prejudiced. What was learned can be unlearned. And now the ADL has brought its program here to share with Israelis what it has spent the last 10 years teaching Americans: how to get along with each other.

"This country has been remarkably tolerant in the face of the most horrendous terrorist attacks, security threats, and general instability," said Harry Wall, director of the ADL in Israel. "But [Israelis] tend

to internalize their anger. These hostilities surface in daily life, in society, in the way people relate to each other," he said, "and sometimes, they blow up."

The peace process, Rabin's assassination, the mass immigrations from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, and especially the Baruch Goldstein massacre, all gave impetus to bringing A World of Difference (AWOD) to Israel.

AWOD began in Boston, Massachusetts, 10 years ago in response to a local segregation issue. The ADL, whose mandate is "to stop antisemitism and the defamations of the Jewish people and others," saw that the roots of the problems were much more

prevalent than the local incident.

Working with educators around the country, the ADL began to develop AWOD: a comprehensive educational program to confront racial, ethnic, and religious prejudices. Originally created for educators around the country, AWOD uses video and printed material, awareness training and classroom discussion guides to train the educators who will in turn teach the students.

To date, AWOD has trained more than 100,000 elementary and secondary school teachers, affecting more than 10 million public, private and parochial school students in the US.

AWOD programs were expanded

AMY KLEIN

beyond the public-school system to include institutions in the media, universities, communities, and the workplace. Companies that have participated in AWOD include AT&T, the Internal Revenue Service and the International Television Association.

"Our goal is to give people the skills to overcome their biases, to take responsibility for their behavior," said AWOD international consultant Pearl Mattenson, who came to Israel to give a preliminary seminar to Israeli educators. The optimal seminar program, she explained, is over four to six days, either consecutively or dispersed

throughout the year.

The one-day introductory program, like the one being given to Israeli elementary-school superintendents, is intended to arouse interest in signing up for the course. "At the end of a one-day seminar, participants can acknowledge that they have biases," she said. "But more importantly, that their biases affect their behavior. Once you get to that stage, it's still a long process."

The ADL was invited by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Absorption to bring AWOD to Israel. One of the first things the ADL did was to produce a five-minute TV segment called "Tolerance," as part of the chil-

dren's cable show *The Flying Classroom*, which is screened on Channel 6.

The segment features popular Israeli actors and actresses such as Yael Averbach in parables about bias. The ADL also worked with the Education Ministry to produce a series of trigger films called *Ami lo kareh* ("I'm not like that") which addresses issues such as religious bias, discrimination against Ethiopians and Russians, and homosexuality.

While the ADL has taken the program to educators in Germany and Russia, this is the first time that the program is going to be applied in another culture on a national basis.

The ADL has already engaged some educational, private and public institutions in Israel to begin AWOD seminars.

The IDF is participating in the program, as is the teacher's training program at Bar-Ilan University, where Yigal Amir was a student. The Bar-Ilan teachers' training program is the largest in the country.

By giving AWOD seminars to teachers before they go out into the field, the ADL hopes to inculcate AWOD principles into local educational systems. "Teachers cannot change their students unless they have confronted the issues themselves," Mattenson said. "Because everyone is prejudiced."



## A daughter who thinks of herself alone

**DEAR RUTHIE**  
**RUTHIE BLUM**

*something about it" in your daughter's case. But keep in mind that children at any age often exhibit behavioral patterns "en famille," which bear no resemblance to the way they relate to the rest of the world.*

*In other words: your daughter may be washing dishes and attending inconvenient social engagements when away from home. Perhaps she is in need of a little empathy on this score from you.*

*Dear Ruthie,*  
*As pensioners, my husband and I receive a modest sum on which to live every month. Though we no longer owe money on our home, we have five grandchildren whom we enjoy pampering.*

*I have begun exploring ways to enrich my life. I began taking a fitness class, for example, and enrolled in a computer course. The problem is that my husband begrudges me these expenses. He claims we cannot afford them, though I believe he is more upset by my absences from the home.*

*What can I do?*

*Simmering Senior Somewhere in Israel*

Dear Ruthie,

Disagreement over the allotment of family funds is usually indicative of a more basic conflict in a marriage. In this case, you may have hit the nail on the head when you mentioned your husband's ill ease at your absences.

Whether your pension affords you certain expenditures is as much for you to determine as for your spouse. The greater issue here is whether you are prepared to consider fulfillment to be a necessary expense, rather than an expendable luxury.

Once you are clear in your own mind about this, you will be better equipped to face your husband. True, your newfound enrichment may require frugality in other areas; but such budgeting is a fact of life certainly not new to you and your husband.

Dear Ruthie,  
My children aged four and six never allow me to throw away any

of their artwork. The daily addition of paintings and drawings to the already enormous pile is driving me mad.

*My kitchen walls are covered with their pictures, as is the refrigerator. How can I persuade them to discard at least some of these masterpieces, without hurting their feelings?*

*Mummy in a Museum Jerusalem*

Dear Museum Mum,

Children enjoy the process of "creating" more than they do the actual "creations." They also enjoy exercising power over their parents. Your fear of hurting their feelings gives them the power to insist upon hoarding every "masterpiece."

If you can clear the clutter in their absence without feeling guilty, they will let up on the "picture pressure" — especially if you tell them you're making room for future creations.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors @jpost.co.il (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

## Drink to your health — by tipping urine

RETIREE Indian admiral L. Ramdas drinks his neat. Dr Ryoichi Nakao of Japan likes to gargle with his each morning. "I splash some on my face," said Coen van der Kroon of the Netherlands. "It's a great after-shave."

They are among millions who say urine has benefits beyond the toilet bowl.

The devotees are more than a fringe group of faith healers fed up with conventional medicine. Their ranks are growing, they are organizing and they claim pharmaceutical makers better listen up because it is big money.

"Urine has tremendous political and economic implications," said Carmen Thomas, a West German radio journalist who has written three books on urine therapy. One of them entitled *A Very Special Juice* has sold 750,000 copies.

One Indian doctor even claimed recently that British cattle suffering from mad-cow disease could be saved if they drink their own urine.

Dr G.K. Thakkar, chairman of the Bombay-based Water of Life Foundation, said "I am deadly confident that all those cows can be positively cured of the deadly disease by making them drink their own urine."

Thakkar said any sick person or animal produces antibodies for fighting the disease. Excess amounts of the antibodies which are passed away in urine can be "recycled" to increase the person's immunity, he said.

Some 600 doctors, scientists and therapists gathered recently in Penjam, capital of the southwestern Indian state of Goa, for the first World Conference on Auto-Urine Therapy.

Participants paid tribute to former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai, who stunned the world when he disclosed that he drank a glass of his own urine every day. He died last year at the age of 99.

Tara Eich of Australia said she



fluid is to a large part made up of urine.

In a 1747 book German author Johann Heinrich Zedler wrote: "One can best heal injuries to eyes with honey dissolved in the lightly boiled urine from a young man."

In the 18th century, French and German doctors used it to treat jaundice, rheumatic disorders, gout, sciatica and asthma. Cannoners used to keep a bucket of urine nearby. If a hand was burned during firing, a quick dip soothed the pain.

In the 1940s, German doctors gave urine enemas to children exposed to measles or smallpox. Today, according to Van der Kroon, Eskimo women use urine as a shampoo.

Five million Germans indulge in urine therapy, many of them taking injections, according to Dr Johann Abele. "It has spread over Germany like a huge wave," he said.

Recently, companies have begun waking up to urine. Enzymes of America Holding Corporation has developed a filter that collects proteins found in male urine in 10,000 portable toilets owned by a subsidiary, PortaJohn.

The US firm is working on marketing urokinase, an enzyme found in urine that is used to dissolve blood clots and treat heart attack victims, van der Kroon said. "There is an annual market of \$500 million for these types of substances," he said.

In Shanghai urine is collected in public toilets, sold to pharmaceutical firms which extract urokinase and then exported.

"Some firms in Europe are selling products like skin creams with ads saying, 'With urine in it!'" Thomas said.

A Dutch firm mixes the urine of nuns with that of pregnant women to make a potion for sterile couples, Van der Kroon said.

Some say urine is the medicine of the future for billions of poor people without access to health care. (Reuters)

## Confessions of a master serial-killer hunter

FBI agent John Douglas spent 25 years tracking down some of the world's most notorious serial killers by probing the deepest recesses of their twisted minds.

The result: Peering into the heart of darkness for a quarter of a century cost him his marriage, made him a firm believer in the death penalty and convinced him that true repentance is rare.

By chance, he was recently in Britain to publicize his memoirs about tracking down mass murderers in the same week that gun enthusiast Thomas Hamilton killed 16 young children and their teacher in a Scottish school.

"That really was ironic, truly extraordinary," said Douglas, whose round of publicity interviews for his book *Mindhunter* were given a grisly topicality.

The killings that rocked Britain and shocked the world hammered home the point to Douglas — evil knows no boundaries.

Reflecting on what he saw in his years with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), he had a stark warning for law officers everywhere who face the horror of a serial killer loose in their community.

"Unfortunately ours is very much

a growth industry and we'll never run out of customers," said Douglas, who pioneered criminal personality profiling in the FBI's elite Serial Crime Unit.

That meant looking into the minds of some of the most dangerous criminals on earth to see what made them tick: "Put yourself in the position of the hunter. That is what I have to do."

Douglas tracked down killers, not with guns blazing and sirens wailing, but with his mind.

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He studied their habits and motives and tried to predict their next move. The stakes were always terrifyingly high. If he took a wrong turn, another innocent victim could die.

He became the model for special agent Jack Crawford in *The Silence of the Lambs*, a chilling tale of one killer helping to track down another. Jonathan Demme, director of the

Oscar-winning film, said of Douglas: "He knows more about serial killers than anyone in the world. I wanted to cast him as agent Crawford."

After years of studying evil at close quarters, Douglas concluded that serial killers came from broken homes with absent fathers and domineering mothers. They were not killers by nature.

As children, they often wet their beds, started fires and were cruel to animals. Loners with low self-esteem, they are above average intelligence but like to visit the graves of their victims. Lie detectors rarely work with them.

Often they take macabre souvenirs. One shoe fetishist cut off his victim's left foot and kept it inside in a high-heeled shoe in his freezer.

Douglas issues a chilling warning about the serial killer: "He learns from experience, he is good at what he does and he will get better until he is caught."

Douglas remains profoundly doubtful about the chances of a serial killer being truly repentant and capable of reform.

In his book, he says: "I've become very pessimistic about anything remotely akin to rehabilitation for most sexually motivated killers."

He says psychiatrists are too ready to listen to persuasive killers and never examine the stark evidence of their victims' suffering.

He delivers a poignant eulogy to his own marriage that ended after his years confronting human depravity: "When you have seen what I've seen, giving your children the space and freedom they need to live is a constant emotional struggle."

"I spent so much time over the years learning about the victimology of dead children that I short-changed and didn't learn enough about my own brilliantly alive ones." (Reuters)

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Thursday, April 18, 1996

## First CPI for PA Ofer-Wertheim to Fed: Delay our request to buy Mizrahi in NY

THE first Palestinian Consumer Price Index, announced yesterday in Ramallah, showed prices in Gaza, the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem rose 1.7 percent in February from January.

The figures, released by the newly established Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, do not cover the period of Israel's closure of the territories, whose ramifications will only become clear when the index for March is released, said the bureau's president, Hassan Abu-Lidbeh.

"We have been hard hit. The question is not whether the clo-

sure will affect prices, but by how much," Abu-Lidbeh said, adding that Palestinian economists need to start sending warning signals about rising inflation.

The bureau has recommended to Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat ways to fight inflation, but Abu-Lidbeh will not reveal what they are.

The PA does not yet have its own currency, though it has in the past promised to issue one eventually. In the meantime, loans and deposits are made in shekels, Jordanian dinars and leading world currencies. (Bloomberg)

## Delay our request to buy Mizrahi in NY

THE Ofer-Wertheim group, owners of United Mizrahi Bank (UMB), have asked the US Federal Reserve to put on hold their application for a permit to own United Mizrahi Bank Trust Corp, UMB's New York subsidiary.

This was according to UMB's draft prospectus filed with the Israel Securities Authority, in preparation for the bank's imminent issue of up to 20 percent of its shares.

The trust agreement calls for the bank to be sold in two years if the owners cannot get approval for the change in ownership application.

More than 15 months have elapsed since the Ofer-Wertheim group gained control of the bank, and therefore financial sources forecast it seems likely that the bank's New York subsidiary will be sold.

Following UMB's sale, in January 1995, the shares of Mizrahi New York were put in trust held by Prof. Elizer Sheffer -

previously deputy governor of the Bank of Israel - and banking consultant William Isaac.

The two trustees have very broad powers regarding the shares of the bank, including exclusive power to take necessary steps, including their sale.

A UMB spokesman said management is not aware of the owners' negotiations to sell the subsidiary, emphasizing that the contents of the draft prospectus are confidential.

UMB chairman Muzi Wertheim could not be reached for comment.

During the last few years, UMB's New York subsidiary has suffered large losses resulting from the crisis in the US real-estate market at the start of the 1990s, which plagued much of the American banking industry.

In the last two years, the bank has undergone a recovery process - including cuts in activities and sales of assets.

Consequently, the bank completed the year with a net profit of \$722,000, compared with a loss of \$4.7m. in 1994.

The bank's total balance sheet fell 8.1% last year to \$303.5m. from \$330.1m.

Meanwhile, the Securities Authority yesterday held its first meeting to discuss UMB's draft prospectus.

MI Holdings, the state-owned company in charge of the bank's sale, hopes to issue 10%-20% of the bank's shares in May, via a share offer similar to Israel Discount Bank's in March.

The government owns 71% of Mizrahi, after having sold 26% to the Ofer-Wertheim group last year for \$2.4m.

Published reports said the bank's owners recently applied to MI Holdings and the Treasury for permission to exercise their option for the purchase of another 25% of UMB's shares at the same price for which it is scheduled to be issued on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

### WORLD BRIEFS

**Black & Decker says earnings jump 47%:** Black & Decker Corp., the maker of power tools and household products, yesterday reported a 47% jump in first-quarter earnings, buoyed by a gain from the sale of its information systems unit.

The company said it earned \$38.0 million, or 39 cents a share, in the first quarter, up from profits of \$25.8m., or 27 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenues rose 4% to \$1.06 billion.

Black & Decker said its income benefited from an after-tax gain of \$70.4m. from the sale in February of PRC Inc., an information technology firm. The company said the quarterly results also included a restructuring charge of \$67m. to reorganize its European consumer businesses, and other restructuring programs that cut 1,100 jobs.

Reuters

**TWA loss narrows, AMR profits up more than fourfold:** Trans World Air Lines yesterday said its losses shrunk in the latest quarter, while American Airlines parent AMR Corp. reported a surprisingly sharp surge in earnings.

TWA's losses shrank to \$37.1 million, or 89 cents per share, in the quarter from \$122.8m. in the same period a year ago. Year-ago per share results were not available. The latest results include an operating loss of \$54.2m., compared with a loss of \$76.3m. a year ago. St. Louis-based TWA also took a non-cash expense of \$3m. to distribute stock to employees.

Reuters

**Belarus presses on with Ford car assembly project:** The Belarussian government has decided to go ahead with a multimillion dollar joint venture project to assemble Ford cars, a government official said. The project would involve the largest infusion of Western investment in Belarussian industry to date.

Reuters

**WTO sets panels in India-US textile disputes:** The World Trade Organization yesterday agreed to set up two dispute panels to study complaints by India that the US is violating open trade rules with restrictions on Indian clothing imports.

The decision, taken in the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB), was automatic after a US refusal to agree on the panels at an earlier meeting last month.

Reuters

## Harel Hamishmar posts higher profits

COMPANY RESULTS  
Jerusalem Post Staff

HAREL Hamishmar Investments reported a 58 percent growth in annual net profits to NIS 39.6 million from NIS 25.1m. in 1994.

The company - which is engaged in the insurance, capital market, health, real estate and communications field - achieved a net return on shareholders' equity of 17.5%.

Fourth quarter net profits doubled to NIS 10.3m. from NIS 5.1m. The rise in 1995 earnings was primarily due to a turnaround in the company's investment activities - to a profit of NIS 8.3m. from a loss of NIS 13.3m. in 1994.

Jenness Cosmetics Paris, which sells its cosmetics products through the direct marketing approach, reported a small rise in annual net profits to NIS 1.92m. from NIS 1.88m in 1994.

## Teams to implement pension recovery

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SUPERVISOR of Insurance Doron Sorer has appointed teams to implement the government's decisions regarding the old pension funds recovery arrangement. The teams will consist of accountants, lawyers, and an actuary who will look into issues like insurance risk premiums.

The old pension funds included in the arrangement include Egged, Binyan, Gilad, Dan, Teshura, Hadassah, Yezuma, Mivtahim, Magen, Makefet, Nativ, Lawyers, Amit, Aidot, and Compensation.

Sorer has also decided to appoint a team of accountants to insure that the new pension funds operate according to the law.

The new pension funds include Metavit, Makefet, Shiluv, Netivot, Amit, Aidot, Gilad, Yezulum, New Aidot, Tautza, Pizga, Edi and Clal.



Rebel financier Martin Ebner makes a point during a shareholders' general meeting of the Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich. UBS's former chief executive Robert Studer was voted chairman, spelling defeat for Ebner in a bitter duel that has gripped the country's attention. Ebner, whose BK Vision is one of UBS's biggest shareholders, had urged other shareholders to stop the election of Studer and three other nominees in a signal that the bank must improve its performance. (Reuters)

## Scitex board: Gilo wants takeover only for his own financial gains

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SCITEX's board of directors believes high-tech entrepreneur David Gilo's attempts to launch a hostile takeover of the Herzliya-based company are intended to benefit his own interests ahead of the interests of all shareholders, Scitex board chairman Dov Tadmor said yesterday.

In a letter which invites Scitex shareholders worldwide to participate in the firm's annual general meeting in May, Tadmor expressed the controlling shareholders' fears that Gilo's plan is intended primarily to serve his personal financial gains.

"Based on his statements," wrote Tadmor, "we believe he seeks a financial transaction that would benefit his own interests ahead of the interests of all shareholders. He may want to capitalize on a short-term gap between the company's inherent value and its current market valuation to take the company private."

"At a later date, through a new public offering or some other means, he could realize financial gains for himself that would be directly attributable to the new business strategies that are already in place at Scitex. We emphatically reject any short-term financial engineering that serves such a narrow interest."

Last month, Gilo made a hostile takeover bid to buy Scitex for \$856 million, about 44 percent above its market value the day before the proposal was publicly

announced.

The company's largest shareholders - International Paper Company, PEC Israel Economic Corp., Discount Investment and Clal Electronics Industries - which collectively hold about 36 percent of the issued and outstanding shares of Scitex, rejected the proposal on the grounds that it represents the "wrong direction" for the company.

Tadmor said the shareholders do not believe Gilo has anything to contribute as a participant in the management of Scitex.

Commenting on the timing of Gilo's proposal, he said it was made after the company reached tough decisions and started to move forward with an aggressive strategy for growth.

## Arkia buys, leases back, 11 planes from Canadian Airlines International

HAIM SHAPIRO

IN a complex deal, Arkia has purchased 11 planes from Canadian Airlines International (CAI) and leased them back to the sellers.

This is the second such deal which Arkia has undertaken.

According to the arrangement, Arkia bought 11 Advanced Boeing 737-200s from the Canadian company for \$60 million. The planes are then to be

received the \$12m. as a loan from Bank Leumi, backed by a lien on deposits and negotiable bonds belonging to Arkia.

As part of the deal, CAI has the option of continuing to lease the planes for two more periods of two years, each after the initial six-year period. Meanwhile, Arkia plans to sell five of the 11 planes during this calendar year.

## US utility Southern may merge with UK's National Power

LONDON (Reuters) - US utility Southern Co said yesterday it is considering a merger with British

generator National Power. But analysts questioned whether regulators would approve such a move, which could cost Southern over \$12 billion.

"Logically, it makes sense... but if I was a politician, I would find it difficult to approve," said Charterhouse Tiney utilities analyst Chris Perry.

Southern Co, which already owns British regional electricity company (REC) South Western Electricity (Sweb), said in a state-

ment it was "considering a combination" of its businesses and those of National Power.

It said plans would depend on whether the British government would allow electricity suppliers and generators to combine.

National Power, which still has a 15 percent limit on any single shareholding, advised shareholders to sit tight, and chief executive Keith Henry said that "we are confident that our plans for the future will continue to deliver excellent value for our shareholders."

Britain's Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is widely expected to approve the proposed acquisition by National Power and its rival PowerGen of supply firms Southern Electric and Midlands Electricity later this month.

The London-based Economist magazine, which was leaked details of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report on the takeovers, said last week the MMC had recommended the DTI to approve the two bids.

Analysts said even if the government gave the go-ahead for vertical integration between generating and distributing in these cases, it might balk at Southern's move.

### ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Currency basket	Palestine (foreign currency deposit rates) (18.4.96)			
	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.625	4.750	4.875	5.000
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.125	4.250	4.375	4.500
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.750	1.750	1.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375
Yen (10 million yen)	-	-	-	-

Currency basket	Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (17.4.96)			
	BUY	SELL	BUY	SELL
U.S. dollar	3.1574	3.1574	3.09	3.25
German mark	2.0850	2.1187	2.04	2.15
French franc	4.7261	4.8198	4.65	4.89
Japanese yen (100)	0.6198	0.6238	0.61	0.64
British pound	2.9047	2.9518	2.85	3.00
Swiss franc	1.8249	1.8259	1.83	1.88
Dutch guilder	2.9308	2.9718	2.91	2.94
Spanish peseta	0.4825	0.4781	0.46	0.48
Portuguese escudo	0.4825	0.4971	0.47	0.50
Italian lira	0.5408	0.5408	0.52	0.58
Danish krone	0.8935	0.8743	0.85	0.89
Canadian dollar	2.1772	2.2146	2.12	2.25
Australian dollar	2.4778	2.5138	2.42	2.59
S. African rand	0.7417	0.7327	0.67	0.78
Belgian franc (10)	1.0120	1.0314	1.01	1.05
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9683	3.0182	2.91	3.08
Indian Rupee (100)	1.9998	2.0289	1.95	2.08
Jordanian dinar	-	-	-	-
Egyptian pound	-	-	4.38	4.89
ECU	3.9042	3.9372	3.85	4.07
High point	4.8828	4.9738	4.81	5.05
Spanish peseta (100)	2.9308	2.9718	2.85	2.98

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Weaker shekel lifts stocks

SHARES jumped for a second day, led by export companies, which could benefit from the shekel's recent devaluation against the US dollar.

Yesterday's share rise comes "probably on the back of the stronger dollar in foreign exchange," said Idan Azoulay, a fund manager at BLT Securities in Tel Aviv.

The shekel was as weak as 3.10 to the US dollar before strengthening back to 3.176, he said. The currency was 3.175 on Tuesday 3.090 a month ago and 3.107 on April 1.

A weaker currency helps exporters because their products become cheaper for overseas buyers. A stronger dollar also translates into more shekels when dollars earned abroad are brought home.

INFLATION MARKETS

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Table of international stock prices for various companies like Alcoa, Amgen, etc.

Euro bourses fall on interest rates worries

LONDON (Reuters) - Key European bourses - after opening at record levels - ended sharply down yesterday as investors lost their nerve because of uncertainty over interest rates.

The dollar drifted down slightly against the mark, despite speculation about a German interest rate cut ahead of a Bundesbank central bank council meeting today.

London, Europe's biggest bourse, had a bad day. After closing at a record level on Tuesday for the second day running and opening at a new trading peak yesterday, shares plunged to close over 0.5 percent down.

The market's earlier bullish mood, fostered by merger talk, changed when improved figures on Britain's employment and average earnings dampened prospects for interest rate cuts.

London's FTSE opened at a new intraday peak of 3,837.5, propelled by a surge in electricity shares after National Power confirmed it was considering a merger with an American electricity company.

Concern over IBM pulls down Dow

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks plunged yesterday as concern about the future earnings of powerhouse International Business Machines Corp. soured the market's three straight sessions of big gains.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 70.09 points lower at 5,549.93 after edging back from a loss of more than 90 points.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 13.9 on active volume of 456 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates for MARK, STERLING, YEN, SF, FF.

# Bulls win 70th game

MILWAUKEE (AP) - The Chicago Bulls stamped a big 70 on a season of superlatives Tuesday night. It just wasn't the decisive win they wanted.

The Bulls barely got past the lowly Milwaukee Bucks with a 86-80 victory and didn't exactly look like the most dominating team in NBA history.

Still, the win made Chicago 70-9, breaking the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers' record of 69 wins.

The Bulls shot just 39 percent, didn't get a spectacular game from any of their superstars and needed a scoreless final four minutes from the Bucks to get it done.

"We didn't really play our kind of basketball," said Michael Jordan, who had 22 points. "Somehow, our defense kind of got hot and we were able to hold them down."

Some of the Bulls have already called themselves the greatest team in NBA history, a boast that's sure to be debated. They'd get a good argument from anyone using Tuesday night's performance to judge.

The Bulls were out of synch all night.

Jordan shot just 9-of-27 from the field, missing all his shots in the final four minutes when Chicago struggled to pull away. His biggest play, however, was blocking a 3-point attempt by Johnny Newman with 16 seconds left that could have pulled the Bucks within one.

Instead, Steve Kerr was fouled, made two foul shots and the outcome was sealed.

The Bulls didn't even play defense in the final six seconds, allowing the Bulls to walk off their court hugging and hand-slapping, their season-long quest finally fulfilled.

Scottie Pippen and Luc Longley had 16 each for Chicago, and no one else reached double figures.

Yin Baker led Milwaukee with

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS:**  
Cleveland 80, Atlanta 77  
Orlando 113, Washington 95  
LA Lakers 113, Dallas 95  
Chicago 86, Milwaukee 80  
Phoenix 111, Houston 100  
Utah 108, LA Clippers 85  
San Antonio 95, Vancouver 86



**CONGRATULATIONS - Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman bask in the glory of the Bulls record 70th win.** (R. JEFF)

28 points, but the Bucks had five of their 10 turnovers in the final four minutes as the Bulls' pressure turned out to be too much.

"One thing we committed to in the locker room before the game was if they did get 70, they wouldn't get it easy," Milwaukee's Terry Cummings said. "I didn't expect us to get

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
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*New York	46	33	.582	11	*L.A. Lakers	53	27	.663	
Miami	41	38	.519	16	*Houston	46	34	.575	
Washington	39	40	.494	18	Denver	34	45	.430	
Boston	31	48	.392	26	Minnesota	26	53	.329	
New Jersey	29	50	.367	28	Golden State	24	55	.304	
Philadelphia	16	63	.202	41	Dallas	13	66	.165	
					Vancouver	13	66	.165	
Central Division					Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
*Chicago	70	9	.886		*Seattle	62	17	.785	
*Indiana	50	29	.633	20	*LA Lakers	51	28	.646	
*Cleveland	45	34	.570	25	*Portland	43	36	.544	
*Detroit	44	34	.564	25	*Phoenix	40	39	.506	
*Atlanta	44	35	.557	26	Sacramento	37	42	.468	
Charlotte	40	39	.506	30	Golden State	34	44	.433	
Milwaukee	24	55	.304	46	LA Clippers	29	51	.363	
Toronto	20	59	.253	50					

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# Hapoel Jerusalem looking for first State Cup crown tonight

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

THERE'S a first time for everything, or so Hapoel Jerusalem fans are hoping going in to tonight's State Cup final vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Having already achieved their first appearance in the State Cup final, which takes place tonight at Yad Eliahu, Coach Pini Gershon's club will be looking for some beginner's luck, while Maccabi Tel Aviv hopes to add its 28th State Cup trophy to its closet.

Jerusalem's main advantage going into the game is its underdog status. Still, having spent most of the season talking about plans to win a title this season, it's time for the capital club to put up or shut up. A victory would be a major morale booster towards next Thursday's opening of the Upper Playoffs, when they face David Blatt's feisty Hapoel Galil Elyon club.

For Maccabi, winning tonight's contest will mean more than just another trophy; having failed in Europe, coach Zvi Scherf's club is determined to show everyone they're still number one locally, and a victory tonight would be a major step towards making good on that claim. Besides, they have only won the State Cup once in the previous four years, in 1994, their only appearance in the final during that time.

Jerusalem needs to do several things to have a chance tonight: first, they must establish an

outside game early to ease the pressure inside on their big men, Billy Thompson and Norris Coleman. Guards Adi Gordon and Papi Turgeeman must get Jerusalem's much wanted three-point shooting off to a hot start, just as Thompson and Coleman need to work underneath while occasionally doing some sharp-shooting of their own.

Also critical for Jerusalem is how big man David Binsley does in his battle underneath with Maccabi center Radisav Curcic. With Hubert Roberts expected to be out again with a hand injury, Binsley and Pini Levy will have to somehow stop Curcic, with help from Thompson and Coleman.

The Jerusalem big men will also have to contend with the return of Tom Chambers, who is back from a brief trip to the US and has plenty of big game experience from his NBA days.

Turgeeman will likely get the job of trying to keep Maccabi's Oded Katash, who's been red hot lately, from having another outstanding game but look for Roi Eyal to be called on for his defense quickly if Turgeeman falters. For Jerusalem to win, they also need major contributions from Levy, Doron Shefa, Eyal and Jonathan Dalzell off the bench.

An up-tempo game is usually to Jerusalem's advantage; Jerusalem ran Maccabi off the court earlier in the season, winning 97-77 in Malha, with Thompson scoring 25, Coleman 24 and Gordon 23, but that was before Chambers was in any kind of shape. The last time the two teams met, at Yad Eliahu during the regular season, Gershon tried to slow the pace. The result was disastrous, with Jerusalem losing 86-69 behind Katash's 22 points.

However, Maccabi can run as well, especially when Brad Leaf and Moti Daniel are on the floor. Jerusalem will therefore have to carefully pick its spots when it comes to fast-breaking.

For Maccabi Tel Aviv, getting Katash and Curcic off to good starts is important. Curcic in particular needs to get the ball early, if only to take as many of Jerusalem's big men out of the game as quickly as he can. Doron Yamchi also needs to see the ball often, to establish his threat from the outside alongside Katash. Maccabi must also see to it that Nadav Henefeld doesn't become the forgotten man on offense while he battles Coleman on defense.

Look for Leaf and Daniel to play early and often if Maccabi gets bogged down; they've been the super subs that have sparked the club all season.

# Flyers sour Lightning's playoff debut

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Eric Lindros and Pat Falloon each had a goal and two assists as the Philadelphia Flyers made Tampa Bay's playoff debut one to forget, beating the Lightning 7-3 to take the first game in a best-of-7 playoff series Tuesday.

The Flyers chased Tampa Bay goalie Daren Puppa after assuming a 4-0 lead on 14 shots early in the second period.

Trailing 6-0 with eight minutes left in the second period, the Lightning, playing the first playoff game in their four-year history, made it respectable with goals by Jason Wiener, Mikael Andersson and John Cullen.

The Flyers' first line of Lindros, John LeClair and Dale Hawerchuk each scored, but Philadelphia also picked up goals from Joel Oso, Rod Brind'Amour and Trent Klatt while outshooting

the Lightning 32-17. Bines 3, Maple Leafs 1

Wayne Gretzky, making his first playoff appearance in three years, assisted on all three goals for visiting St. Louis.

Gretzky, traded to the Blues earlier this season from the Los Angeles Kings, set up goals by Brett Hull, Shayne Corson and Steve Leach as the Blues took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Game 2 will be played tonight before the series shifts to St. Louis for Games 3 and 4.

Mats Sundin was the only Toronto player to beat St. Louis goalie Grant Fuhr, who made 33 saves.

**Canadiens 3, Rangers 2 (OT)**  
Vincent Damphousse's second goal of the game at 5:04 of overtime ended a brilliant goaltending duel in New York.

Damphousse took a drop pass from Benoit Brunet at the blue line, skated down the right side and beat Mike Richter from the right circle with the Canadiens' only shot of overtime.

Richter and the Canadiens' Jocelyn Thibault were superb all game. Thibault made 43 saves, while Richter made 29, many of them from close range.

The Rangers, who finished third in the Canadiens' sixth in the Eastern Conference standings, continued their losing ways. They finished the season with five straight losses and were 7-14-3 in the last 24 games.

The teams, meeting for the 14th time in the playoffs but for the first time since 1986, split the season series 1-1-2.

**Avananche 5, Canucks 2**  
Joe Sakic and Valeri Kamensky scored goals 25 seconds apart in

the second period, and Peter Forsberg added two goals and two assists for host Colorado.

Colorado scored four goals in the second period en route to winning the first NHL playoff game in Denver since 1978.

Claude Lemieux had three assists for the Avalanche. Patrick Roy stopped 29 saves to win his 71st playoff game.

**NHL PLAYOFFS**  
First Round (Best-of-7)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Philadelphia 7, Tampa Bay 3  
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia (today)  
Pittsburgh-Washington (last night)  
Montreal 3, NY Rangers 2  
Montreal at NY Rangers (today)

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Florida-Boston (last night)  
Detroit-Winnipeg (last night)  
Colorado 5, Vancouver 4  
Vancouver at Colorado (today)  
Chicago-Calgary (last night)  
St. Louis 3, Toronto 1  
St. Louis at Toronto (today)

# 10,000 runners expected in Tel Aviv Marathon

HEATHER CHAIT

TEL AVIV'S motorists will be competing with over 10,000 runners tomorrow morning as the 16th Tel Aviv Marathon takes to the streets.

This year's race caters to everyone with categories ranging from the 2.1 kilometer half marathon to a 6km race for high school pupils, a 6km friendly race, a 2km friendly race and even a "toddlers" route for 500 preschoolers.

Yael Arad, Rogel Nahum and Amit Leng will be the sporting celebrities along with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo to start the runners on the shorter distances from Kikar Rabin (9:30 - 10:00 am) while Histadrut and Hapoel officials will fire the gun at 10 am from Hadar Yosef stadium for the half marathon.

Kenya's Philemon Kipkering Metto (1:00:59) is the favorite among the male entries and could challenge the record of 1:02:50 set last year by Ethiopian Bedilu Kibet.

Patrick Ndayisenga (1:02:35) from Burundi, Haile Koricho (1:02:14), Toloso Gebre (1:03:00) and Ibrahim Said (1:03:14) from Ethiopia and Andrei Ousatchev (1:03:30) from Russia are among the overseas runners competing for the sum of \$1,500 to be

awarded to the winner on condition that the time is less than 1:04:30.

Among the women, course record holder Helena Baroosi (1:15:06) is back to defend her title but will be facing Ludmila Petrova from Russia whose personal best time is 1:12:13.

Israel's best marathoners, Dov Kremer and Assaf Bimro, who competed in this week's Boston Marathon where they failed to clear the Olympic minimum criterion, will not be running tomorrow.

Security will be provided by 800 policemen, assisted by helicopters.

The route of the half marathon will cover the following roads, which will be closed for part of the race: Herzliya, Abba Hillel, Bialik, Hahalacha, Steinman, Krovovsky, Bnei Dan, Weizman, Kikar Harodina, Artosorov, Ibn Gvirol, Yehuda Halevi, Shadal, Rotschild, Kikar Habima, Tarsat, Dizengoff (west), Yirmiyahu, Ushishkin, Geshur Bailey, Rokach, Shitrit returning to the finishing line at Hadar Yosef.

The run has a budget of NIS 400,000 and prize money of NIS 30,000 and is organized by Hapoel and Tel Aviv municipalities.

# Fowler grabs late equalizer in Merseyside derby

LONDON (Reuters) - A Robbie Fowler goal three minutes from time saved Liverpool from defeat and earned the team a 1-1 draw with Everton in the Merseyside derby on Tuesday.

Everton opened the scoring on a soggy night of Premier League football at Goodison Park when Ukrainian-born Andrei Kanchevskis converted from close range after 18 minutes.

But Fowler struck his 36th goal of the

season and his 28th in the league in the 87th minute when he toe-kicked home a Stan Collymore cross from six meters which gave Everton keeper Neville Southall no chance.

But the goal did little to boost Liverpool's faint title hopes as it is seven points behind leader Manchester United with only three matches to play.

However, it certainly dented Everton's hopes of a UEFA Cup place next season.

Winger Kanchevskis, who scored both goals when Everton beat Liverpool 2-1 at Anfield in November, gave his side the advantage as Liverpool's defense struggled to cope with the near waterlogged pitch.

After 18 minutes, a long clearance from Southall somehow found its way beyond the shipping and sliding Liverpool back line, with keeper David James also losing his feet.

John Ebbrell kept his, however, and although his angled shot clipped the bar it

bounced perfectly for Kanchevskis to tip in his 13th goal of the season.

Collymore twice went close for Liverpool, once in the 26th minute when his shot beat the home defense but struck in the frame on the way to goal and diverted away, and again in the second half when he hit the bar with a thunderous 25-meter drive.

His most telling contribution came just before the end when he provided the cross for Fowler's goal.

# Bayern reaches UEFA Cup final

BARCELONA (Reuters) - Germany's Bayern Munich earned a well-deserved place in the UEFA Cup final after beating Barcelona of Spain 2-1 in a thrilling semifinal second leg match on Tuesday.

Bayern took the tie 4-3 on aggregate after escaping from the first leg with a 2-2 draw.

Bayern was led to victory by Mehmet Seboll, who set up his side's first goal after tormenting Johan Cruyff's team down the left in the first half and then switching wings to create havoc down the right.

Overlapping fullback Markus Babel - whose shocking back pass in the first leg led to Barcelona's second goal - made amends for that mistake by putting Bayern ahead in the 40th minute and the Germans went further ahead seven minutes from time when Marcel Witeczek made it 3-0.

Substitute Ivan de la Pena scored a consolation goal for Barcelona two minutes from time as his side tried desperately to force extra time.

The arrival of De la Pena in the final minutes changed the shape of a game in which Barcelona had badly missed Romanian playmaker Gheorghe Hagi, missing through injury.

Without a natural set-piece specialist, Johan Cruyff turned to Hagi's compatriot Gheorghe Popescu to take the series of dangerous free-kicks that the

Spaniards forced in the opening fifteen minutes.

But neither Popescu nor Bosnian striker Meho Kodro - who was twice guilty of wasting passes after being put through by Jordi Cruyff - could make the best of Barcelona's early dominance.

Bordeaux 1, Slavia Prague 0

Host Bordeaux moved into the last stretch of a soccer marathon which started in the Inter-Toto Cup last June when it reached the UEFA Cup final on Tuesday.

A goal by striker Didier Tholot a minute after the interval was enough for the French side which had also won the first leg of the semifinal 1-0 in the Czech Republic.

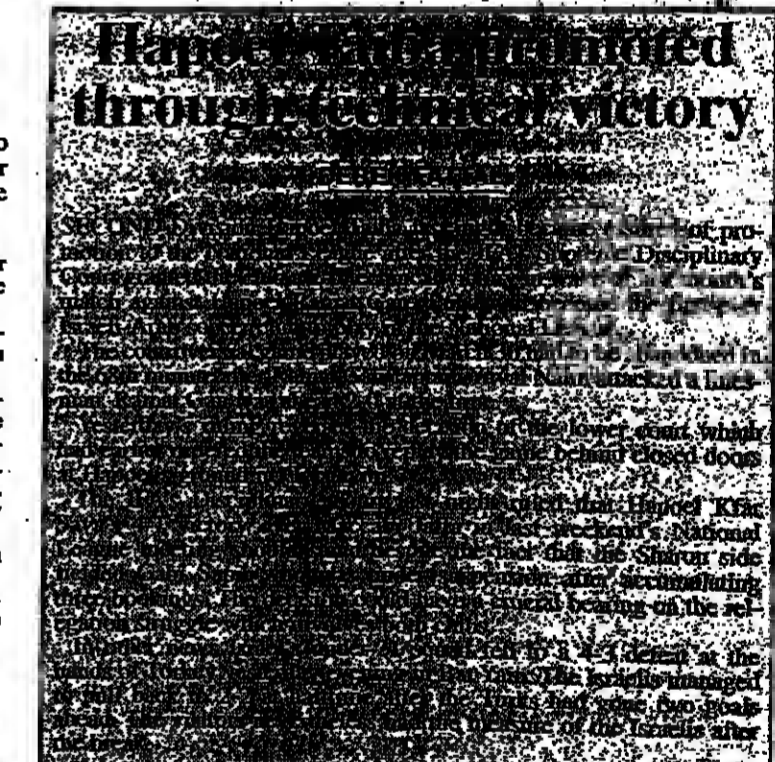
The match failed to reach the heights of Bordeaux's stunning 3-0 quarter-final win over AC Milan, after it lost the first leg 2-0 in Italy, but the French club were nearly troubled by the Czechs on the way to their first European final.

It was Bordeaux's 18th match of the season in Europe, including the Inter-Toto fixtures which gained them entry into the competition.

The result ended an 18-year wait for France to have a team in the UEFA Cup final.

Bordeaux, a modest 15th in the French league this season, had the ball in the back of the net twice in the last 10 minutes but each time the goal was disallowed for offside.

Tholot nodded home in the 80th minute after a goal-mouth scramble and playmaker Zinedine Zidane scored with a superb chip after running through on his own from just inside Slavia's half with only three minutes to go.



# Fielder hits 3 homers

TORONTO (AP) - Cecil Fielder hit three home runs for the third time in his career and increased his major league-leading total to nine as the Detroit Tigers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 15-8 Tuesday.

Fielder, who had five RBIs, hit a two-run drive off Erik Hanson (2-2) in the third inning as the Tigers got nine straight hits, one short of the AL record.

Detroit got 18 hits to back Greg Gehr (1-2), who gave up five runs and six hits in five innings. Richie Lewis got five outs for his first save.

**Ortola 6, Red Sox**  
David Wells (2-0) pitched a seven-inning and host Baltimore kept Roger Clemens (0-3) winless while extending Boston's losing streak to six games.

Boston is 2-11, matching its worst start in 69 years. The defending AL East champions had gone 23 innings without scoring until getting a run in the ninth.

B.J. Surhoff homered for the Orioles, whose 10-2 record is best in the majors. Baltimore has won six of seven.

**Indians 7, Twins 2**  
Sandy Alomar and Kenny Lofton homered in a four-run second inning Tuesday, helping Orel Hershiser (1-2) to his first win of

the season and visiting Cleveland to its fifth straight victory.

Hershiser, who lost his first two starts and came in with a 7.84 ERA, gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out seven and walked none.

Brad Radke (3-1) missed out on a chance to become the first four-game winner in the majors. He gave up five runs and nine hits in seven innings.

**Brewers 6, Yankees 3**  
Kevin Seitzer hit his fourth homer, a three-run drive that capped a five-run fourth against Jimmy Key (1-2) leading Milwaukee to a home victory.

Scott Karl (2-1) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings.

**TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
Detroit 13, Toronto 8  
Milwaukee 6, New York 3  
Baltimore 6, Boston 1  
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 2  
Kansas City 6, Chicago 5  
Texas 5, Oakland 3  
Seattle 5, California 3

**TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 3  
Montreal 7, Philadelphia 6  
Atlanta 5, Florida 3  
Pittsburgh 13, St. Louis 3  
Houston 9, New York 6  
San Diego 10, Colorado 6  
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 3

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# Yigal Amir starts hunger strike to protest prison conditions

YIGAL Amir began a hunger strike last Sunday to protest against what he describes as terrible conditions at Beersheba's Ohalei Kedar Prison.

Amir, sentenced to life for the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, plus an additional six years for wounding bodyguard Yoram Rubin, was transferred to a special cell at the prison on Sunday.

During his trial, he was kept at Hasharon Prison to facilitate his transportation to Tel Aviv District Court, and now he is asking to return there.

His hunger strike was revealed in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, when he appeared together with his brother Haggai and Dror Adani, at the opening of

their trial on charges of conspiring to murder Rabin, conspiring to kill and injure Palestinians, and illegal possession of arms.

The trial opened with Yigal Amir complaining that since his transfer to Ohalei Kedar, his conditions have deteriorated and authorities are making his life difficult.

His lawyer Shmuel Fleishman said that authorities have even banned Amir from phoning him, although while in Hasharon Prison he was promised such phone calls, allowed by law to every prisoner.

Prisons Service spokesman Moshe Malul vehemently denied these charges. "Yigal Amir is, by law, entitled to phone

his lawyer, in the presence of a guard and he has made such phone calls," he said.

He added that Amir receives the minimum conditions given to prisoners as required by law. He has a transistor radio in his cell, gets one newspaper daily, receives a half-hour visit from his family once every two weeks, is taken for an hour's daily exercise around the yard adjacent to his cell, and has received eight religious texts. He is also visited by the prison rabbi.

He is totally segregated from the rest of the population and his only daily contact is with the guards. His cell, which

source said cost nearly \$50,000 to build, is fitted with a closed-circuit TV camera, enabling authorities to monitor his movements around the clock.

The trial Haggai Amir, who is also accused of manufacturing the hollow point bullets used by his brother in the assassination, began with a separate hearing, after lawyer Moshe Meroz argued that his confession had been obtained illegally and while his client was under great pressure.

"Haggai Amir was kept by the General Security Service in a 1 meter by 1 meter cell, and was not allowed to sleep," said Meroz. "Six to eight GSS investigators continuously entered the

cell and took him away for interrogation. Under those circumstances, he lost control and would sign anything."

According to Meroz, the GSS also threatened to harm his family and destroy his house.

The hearing was held behind closed doors at the request of the prosecution, and will continue this morning with additional testimony by GSS investigators.

Meanwhile, Itim reported that a Tel Aviv woman has petitioned the High Court of Justice asking that Yigal Amir have his citizenship revoked, and that he not be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

**WEATHER**

Jerusalem 11-19  
Tel Aviv 11-20  
Beersheba 11-22  
Haifa 11-20  
Samaritan 10-19  
Tiberias 12-21  
Golan 15-17  
Dead Sea 12-24

Forecast: Partly cloudy, decline in temperature. Possibility of light rain.

## Poland bans neo-Nazi demonstrations at Auschwitz

THE Polish government has decided to ban neo-Nazi demonstrations at Auschwitz and elsewhere in Poland, President Aleksander Kwasniewski announced yesterday.

He made the announcement at a meeting with a group of MKs who participated in the March of Life from Auschwitz to Birkenau. The group included Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, and MKs Avraham Herschson, this year's march president; Eli Goldschmidt, Pini Badash, Nawaf Massalha, Haim Dayan, and Ya'acov Shefi.

Today he is to meet with a delegation of some 70 young people, from Israel and other countries, who participated in the march. He had asked Herschson to set up the meeting, because inasmuch as he couldn't participate in the march itself, he had an obligation to speak with representatives of the participants.

Herschson is to tell Krasniewski that it has been decided

that the march, which has been held every other year, will now be an annual event. He is also to request help from the Polish authorities in effecting the change.

Krasniewski told the MKs that it had been a mistake to allow neo-Nazis to demonstrate at Auschwitz in support of the building of a supermarket just outside the gates. Herschson revealed that a Jewish protest march against the market had been considered, but the idea was dropped when the Polish government barred the opening of the market.

Krasniewski also said a government bill returning Jewish communal buildings and other property to the Jewish community would pass the legislature shortly.

Meanwhile, the Polish government announced that Krasniewski and Prime Minister Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz would be visiting Israel separately in the near future. (Itim)



Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg points out Katyusha damage to a Kiryat Shmona building yesterday for a group of visiting British Jewish fund-raisers. (Paul Melting)

## Plan for Jewish settlements near Ikrut, Biram gets OK

THE Ministerial Committee to Return the Displaced Residents of Ikrut and Biram, headed by Justice Minister David Liba'i, yesterday approved the plan of Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur to strengthen and widen Jewish settlements in the region to which the displaced residents will return.

The plan refers to kibbutzim Sassa and Baran and moshavim Avivim, Dovev, Shomera, and Even Menahem, and will cost NIS 96 million over five years. It is to be presented soon to the cabinet for approval as part of the proposal for allowing the Ikrut and Biram residents - who were asked to temporarily move out of their homes by the army during the War of Independence, but subsequently were not allowed to return to their villages.

The NIS 96m. is in addition to the money the settlements will get for being on the confrontation line. (Itim)

**AROUND THE WORLD**

City	Low	High	Wind	Clouds
Alexandria	18	28	12	partly cloudy
Bahia	22	32	10	partly cloudy
Bangkok	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Bombay	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Cairo	18	28	12	partly cloudy
Cebu	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Dhaka	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Hankow	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Harbin	18	28	12	partly cloudy
London	12	22	10	partly cloudy
Los Angeles	18	28	12	partly cloudy
Manila	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Medan	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Montreal	12	22	10	partly cloudy
New York	18	28	12	partly cloudy
Paris	12	22	10	partly cloudy
Shanghai	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Singapore	24	34	10	partly cloudy
Tokyo	18	28	12	partly cloudy
Yokohama	18	28	12	partly cloudy

## Swastikas abound near Washington's Holocaust Museum, White House

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

JUST blocks from the White House and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Nazi graffiti is plaguing the US capital, as newspaper vending boxes and trash bins are defaced with spray-painted swastikas and SS logos. Worse, the vandalism seems to be extending to the residential areas that are home to the Washington DC's Jews.

The spread of Nazi symbols in the capital comes when, by some estimates, the number of antisemitic incidents around the US has declined. *The New York Times* reported in yesterday's editions.

The District of Columbia government says it is broke, and has abandoned the war against graffiti.

The Washington office of the Anti-Defamation League said it has been flooded with calls from residents complaining about the Nazi symbols. But the ADL's Laura Kam-Isacharoff said, "To say there's no money [for clean-up], that's like giving a license to people to do it and giving them a platform for hate."

## Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, fighter for civil rights, Israel, dies at 83

**CLEVELAND (AP)** - Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, prominent in the US civil rights movement and an activist who lobbied President Harry S. Truman for the formation of Israel, is dead at 83.

Lelyveld died in a nursing home Monday from a brain tumor.

A leader of one of the United States' largest Reform Jewish congregations for nearly four decades, Lelyveld believed in backing his speech with action.

"The whole thrust of our tradition is a concern for social welfare," he said.

Lelyveld was one of the nation's first rabbis to join the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s campaign for civil rights. He participated in key marches and in 1964 was beaten with tire irons by segregationists while helping to register black voters in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Lelyveld worked for the establishment of Israel when many American Reform Jews were not strongly inclined to support it. He lobbied Truman at the White House in 1946 to

## Nahman Shai: Gov't is ignoring law against pirate radio stations

**HELEN KAYE**

SECOND Television and Radio Authority general manager Nahman Shai yesterday accused the government of not enforcing the law against pirate radio stations.

"We have had no response to all our pleas, and if this situation is allowed to continue, maybe we'll have to release our franchisees from their legal obligations," Shai said.

Pirate radios operate with such impunity that, despite Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's written request to refrain from such action, MKs are buying campaign air time on them. Shai said. He also deplored what he called "the parade of MKs who went to the inauguration of Channel 7's off-shore radio ship."

Michael Karpin, who heads Tel Aviv's Radio Lelo Hafsa, one of the country's six regional commercial radio franchises, estimated that the pirate activity reduces legal radio revenues by some 25 percent and called it "a blatant theft of property which belongs to the State of Israel."

Pirates do not pay royalties or operating fees, part of which goes to the Treasury, and because of the legal stations' sagging revenues, "we have requested an 18-month waiver of royalty fees from the Communications Ministry and the Treasury," Karpin added.

The franchisees pay the Treasury 4% of their revenue up to the first NIS 3 million to a ceiling of 8%. The Treasury is thus losing several million shekels a year.

Radius Radio (Ramat Hasharon) head David Ben-Basat said that Israel is the only country which has not signed the

## 'Sharav chimneys' project gets ministerial go-ahead

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

ENERGY Minister Gonen Segev yesterday approved the recommendations of the team examining the feasibility of the "Sharav chimneys" project.

The project, developed at the Technion by a team headed by Prof. Dan Zaslavsky, aims at producing cheap, renewable energy.

The system was named by the team as SNAP - such (burning bush) aero-electric power. It uses dry air and water - even sea or brackish water - to produce energy through 1,000 meter-high chimneys. Each such tower is forecast to produce 300 megawatts of power.

The team's report said work should continue on developing the project with the aim of implementing it. In the first stage, it said a model will be produced for simulation of the system, and a search will be made for suitable sites.

The team said an outside body should be established to monitor and regulate the project, and concluded that the system was economically feasible.

SNAP is based on a natural phenomenon that causes aircraft disasters. When a passing cloud sheds rain into dry, hot air, a strong downward draft is generated. By harnessing the natural phenomenon to create a strong, sustained wind, energy converters can run day and night.

The energy is to be produced by constructing 1,000 meter-high chimneys in which water is raised to the top and sprayed over the culic area of the flue opening.

The water evaporates, making the dry air at the top cooler and denser, which sinks down and passes through a battery of wind turbines that drive electric generators.

SNAP's shortcomings include obstruction to air traffic, unsightly appearance on the landscape and humidification of the surrounding area. The US has expressed interest in cooperating with Israel in the project.

**Winning cards**

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, ace of hearts, eight of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

## Alleged child abuser ordered to stay away from home

A BEERSHEBA man, suspected of abusing his 10-month-old son, was released on NIS 5,000 bail and ordered to stay away from the apartment he shares with his wife and the boy for 60 days by Beersheba Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The affair came to light when his wife brought the bruised baby to Soroka Hospital on Sunday. The doctor there determined that the bruises did not come from a fall, and the woman said her husband had beaten the boy while she was out of the house. The hospital reported the case to the police, and

## Righteous Gentile Mother Claire Bernès dies

**MOTHER Claire Bernès**, who died in Alexandria on April 13, was a Vincentian nun who devoted most of the 36 years she spent in Jerusalem to the care of seriously retarded and handicapped children.

"Those who advocate euthanasia for mentally retarded children have no idea what they are talking about," she would tell visitors to the St. Vincent de Paul home in Ein Kerem. "For those of us who believe in a divine providence ruling over everything, there is no doubt whatsoever that there is a mysterious plan behind the suffering of these innocent children."

The spacious home, which accommodates some 80 children, practically all of them Jewish, was once a summer residence for students at St. Anne's Seminary, run by the White Fathers. In the mid-1950s, it was in an advanced state of disrepair. With considerable energy and dedication, Bernès set about creating the institution we see today, with its atmosphere of spotless cheerfulness.

transferred to Rome, where she spent World War II in a convent next to the Church of St. Joaquin. There, in unendurably dangerous circumstances, she helped shelter Jews from the Nazis and the Fascists.

In 1952 she came to Jerusalem. Yad Vashem acknowledged her wartime courage and honored her as a Righteous Gentile. But she was very reluctant to talk about it.

When France awarded her the Legion of Honor, she attached little importance to it.

It is not easy to convey the flavor of her spirituality. "When we go to pray," she said on one occasion, explaining her early morning routine, "God is already there waiting for us."

She was a great and good friend of Israel, of Teddy Kollek, whom she knew as mayor, and of all the many parents and other locals who met her or had anything to do with her.

In 1988 she returned to Egypt and was missed by all those friends who today mourn her passing. (Alec Israel)



Mother Claire Bernès (Isaac Harari)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

- Five arrested for hostile activities**  
Security forces arrested five residents of Judea and Samaria on Tuesday night suspected of belonging to terrorist organizations. The IDF announced Tuesday. Three were arrested in the Jenin area and two near Bethlehem. (Jerusalem Post Staff)
- Zo Artzenu leaders' trial begins**  
The state opened its case in the seditious trial of Zo Artzenu heads Moshe Feigin, Shmuel Sackett and Rabbi Benny Elon yesterday by calling two top ranking Jerusalem police officers, David Krausa and Micky Levy, as the first of more than 130 witnesses.
- Likud and Labor activists exchange blows**  
Likud and Labor activists exchanged blows on the Harel Bridge over the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway yesterday. There were no arrests, but police are looking for four Likud activists who stole the car keys of an aide to Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, and said the minister "will end up like Rabin."
- Healthy Heart Day tomorrow**  
Healthy Heart Day will be held in all 10th grades and the IDF today under the auspices of the voluntary health promotion organization Lev-el-Lev (Heart to Heart). Information on exercise, diet, the dangers of smoking, dealing with stress, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be distributed, and lectures will be delivered on these topics. Quizzes with prizes for the winners will be held around the country. The organization aims to hold similar information campaigns among 100,000 government workers and tens of thousands of local authority employees. (Judy Siegel)